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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.  
Outlook for Shabbat: Same.

	Yesterday's	Today's
Jerusalem	48	14-21
Golan	49	14-21
Nahariya	74	16-24
Safed	67	12-23
Haifa Port	60	20-25
Tiberias	57	17-25
Nazareth	48	13-23
Afula	57	14-26
Shimon	48	14-22
Tel Aviv	69	17-24
B-G Airport	61	16-25
Jericho	52	18-27
Gaza	67	17-24
Beer-sheva	45	14-24
Eilat	36	17-28

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The general manager of the Electric Corporation, Yitzhak Hoff, will speak at the Haifa Engineers Club at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone 04-674583.

The Benjamin Swig Chair in Business Administration was inaugurated at Haifa University on Wednesday. It is named in honour of the late San Francisco businessman.

## ARRIVALS

Met Jaffa, the newly elected chairman of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University, Western Region, for the annual meeting of the Israeli board of the Jaffa Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University.

## U.S. SANCTIONS

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sources. This is leading to a greater impetus in the administration to take specific steps designed to punish Syria and Iran.

One possibility under active consideration if fighting resumes is the aerial bombardment of Syrian-controlled Ba'albek where most of the approximately 700 Iranian Revolutionary Guards in Lebanon are based.

Meeting Wednesday behind closed doors with Republican Jewish leaders, Reagan said he had "every reason to believe" that Iranian terrorists were responsible for the attack and that they were "facilitated in their entry and the provision of munitions by Syria."

Reagan, who was to address the nation last night after midnight Israel time on the situations in Grenada and Lebanon, told the Jewish leaders that the U.S. had deeply appreciated Israel's offers of military and medical assistance after the Beirut bombing. But he said Israel's help was not really necessary.

In response to a question, the president praised Israel's strategic importance to the U.S. and noted that U.S. ships will continue docking at Haifa, probably on an escalated basis.

**LOTTERY TICKETS.** — The Bank Leumi workers committee has bought \$50,000 worth of Magen David Adom lottery tickets which are to be distributed free to wounded soldiers in 10 hospitals on Sunday.

## Soldiers' votes give Kollek 17 seats

By ROBERT ROSENBERG and MICHAEL ELIAN  
Jerusalem Reporters

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek's majority on the city council increased to 17 out of 31 seats last night as the tabulation of soldiers' votes was completed. The Likud, which had five members on the outgoing council, lost one of its seats, and now has four.

The National Religious Party, which had three mandates and the position of deputy mayor on the outgoing council, lost one seat to Tami just before the election — and now is left with one seat because of massive defection by voters to Kollek and to the Sephardi Tora Guardians.

## HOME NEWS

### Figures show banks imported millions

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter

Commercial banks brought nearly \$500m. into the country in the first half of the year to support their shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics indicate.

The statistics, on balance of payments developments, show that during the first half of 1983, net investments from abroad totalled about \$483n. Most of the money came from the commercial banks' overseas subsidiaries, and apparently were used to buy bank shares from the public.

### Treasury buys \$45m. more bank shares

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN  
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — At the opening of trading on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday it was announced that the price of those bank shares covered by the government agreement had been maintained at Wednesday's levels. It was also announced, however, that those traders who had wanted their shares sold only if prices remained at Wednesday's levels would not have their orders executed. This apparent contradiction left many traders befuddled.

Some market observers felt that the second announcement meant that Treasury intervention in bank shares had ceased. If that was the case, "all those who have shown restraint until now will begin to dump their bank shares," said one securities adviser.

Less than an hour later, however, it was announced that the Bank of Israel, on behalf of the Treasury, had purchased those orders marked for sale at unchanged price levels.

The cost of yesterday's intervention was in the order of \$45 million. Over the three trading sessions since the agreement came into effect the sum of the Treasury's intervention has totalled over \$233m.

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### Court holds little hope for Kotlowitz's job

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Raphael Kotlowitz, who was ousted from his post as chairman of the Jewish Agency's aliyah department on Wednesday, was given little encouragement yesterday in the Tel Aviv District Court that he will succeed in overturning the decision.

Kotlowitz was told by Judge Yosef Harish that the agency cannot be forced to keep him against his will, and that he would be better off "finding an honourable way out" of the predicament — outside the court.

The judge agreed, nevertheless, that he would consider on Kotlowitz's plea — presented by Tel Aviv lawyer Amnon Goldenberg — on Sunday.

Kotlowitz had hoped that the board of governors' vote — 34 members for his dismissal and six opposed to it — would be ruled in contempt of court. On Tuesday, the court issued a temporary injunction preventing the board from appointing a replacement for Kotlowitz until the Jewish Agency

board presented its case. But the board pre-empted the move by voting to dismiss Kotlowitz, on the grounds that he was "unfit" and "unable to communicate with Diaspora Jewry."

Yesterday, attempts were made to reach a compromise, in which Kotlowitz would remain in his post for a short time until he retired voluntarily. But when Eliahu Luchovsky, the agency's legal adviser, telephoned from the court to the board of governors in Jerusalem, he was told not to budge.

The judge listened to both sides and declared: "The board of governors has something to say, and if it decides that they don't want Kotlowitz, that is his privilege."

Goldenberg's case was based on the claim that as Kotlowitz was made head of the aliyah department by the Zionist Executive six years ago and since no one had been named to replace him, he should continue to serve. But the World Zionist Organization aliyah deputy, responsible for aliyah from the West,

while the Agency aliyah department is in charge of aliyah from countries of oppression and the running of absorption centres.

Judge Harish concluded that Kotlowitz "doesn't seem to have a particle of a chance," but he urged the two sides to reach agreement before he handed down his ruling on Sunday.

In the meantime, Kotlowitz remains a member of the Jewish Agency board of governors, though not chairman of the agency aliyah department, by virtue of his membership of the Zionist Executive. He can remain chairman of the WZO department until February, but may resign before then.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir greeted members of the board in his office yesterday, and said to Kotlowitz: "What are you doing involved in court cases?" The premier did not voice any sympathy or support for Kotlowitz, a Herut loyalist who was backed in his fight to remain at the aliyah department by former premier Menachem Begin.

U.S. 'appreciated' Israeli rescue aid offer

By DAVID LANDAU  
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

If there had been more American wounded and fewer fatalities in Sunday's Beirut bomb blast, the U.S. would have flown the wounded to Rumbam Hospital in Haifa and to other Israeli hospitals.

This has been made clear to Israel by the U.S. following expressions of resentment here at America's failure to avail itself of Israeli offers of medical and logistic aid.

Secretary of State George Shultz wrote to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday voicing Washington's deep appreciation of the aid offers — both those made by the Israeli government and those that came from individual hospitals and voluntary organizations in Israel.

In a statement to Israel Bonds leaders on Wednesday, Shamir said Israel "can only regret" that the U.S. did not make use of the proffered Israeli aid during the emergency.

Shultz's letter spearheaded U.S. efforts to persuade Jerusalem that no political considerations were involved in the decisions to fly wounded marines to Europe and not to make use of Israeli rescue equipment.

In informal contacts the U.S. has explained that the force of the bomb-blast, and the extent of the destruction, caused most of the casualties to be fatal — contrary to American hopes in the early hours that many men could be pulled out alive.

Had there been a large number of wounded they would have been helicoptered to Israel rather than airlifted on the much longer flight to U.S. military hospitals in West Germany or Italy.

The facts on facilities available in Israeli hospitals were relayed by the U.S. Embassy here directly to the surgeon-general's unit in Germany on Sunday morning. Informed sources told *The Jerusalem Post* there was no decision not to use the Israeli hospitals. On the contrary, U.S. army doctors were grateful for the offer and included it in their fall-back arrangements.

The sources said the medical men and army officers in West Germany and Beirut felt that U.S. Sixth Fleet doctors and rescue teams were adequate to deal with the small number of wounded.

The same applied, the sources said, to mechanical rescue equipment. By mid-morning on Sunday, there were more than enough cranes and bulldozers working at the site.

Israeli officials maintain that compressed-air lifting devices specially developed in Israel for such disasters would have facilitated quicker rescue.

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the 600 to 700 Cubans on Grenada were airport construction workers who had been issued light arms.

As the Grenada invasion dragged through its third day, a congressional committee pushed for a time limit on the U.S. military operation.

The Pentagon said the casualty toll among the almost 3,000 U.S. troops stood at eight dead, eight missing and 39 wounded.

### Syrians hold war games

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Syria yesterday staged tactical military exercises involving artillery and air support under realistic battlefield conditions. The official news agency Sana reported.

Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas, speaking after the maneuvers, urged the military to get all the fighting practice it could.

This was of great importance, "particularly in this delicate phase through which the Arab world is passing and in which Syria is subject to political and military pressure," Sana quoted him as saying.

The ruling Ba'ath party newspaper *Al-Bath* said U.S. actions "make it incumbent on our people and the Arab nation to be at the peak of alert."

"Those who trampled on the UN charter by invading Grenada have moved to a new phase. They do not hesitate at any moment to launch further invasions and push Israel and the NATO forces to launch an aggression against the Middle East," it said.

The share market, excluding bank shares, turned lower yesterday. There were 115 individual securities that fell by 5 per cent or more. Index-linked bonds continued to advance in active trading and the shekel was devalued by 25 agorot.

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### Aridor resignation bid rejected

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Charging that he could not count on the support and loyalty of his colleagues, former finance minister Yoram Aridor tried to resign from the chairmanship of the Herut secretariat yesterday, but the secretariat rejected his resignation unanimously.

Aridor came to the meeting of the 15-member secretariat, which lasted well over three hours, with a letter to members which said: "The first condition for success is being loyal to one's principles, even when challenged by opportunism. Another condition is being able to count on the friendship of one's colleagues under any conditions. This is particularly essential for friends in high office in government and party. I have not been fortunate enough to receive such important friendly support from my colleagues to a sufficient extent."

All speakers urged him to withdraw his resignation. Some argued that with the second round of municipal elections scheduled for November 8, this was no time for disunity.

In the end it was argued that Aridor had been voted into office by the party executive and that only that body is empowered to accept his resignation. Aridor replied that he would tender his resignation to the executive. But the executive is headed by former prime minister Menachem Begin, and it is not known when he might call a meeting.

Aridor's duties on the secretariat will be fulfilled in the interim by his deputy, MK Eitan Livni.

### FACTIONS

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More than 222 Americans died in a simultaneous attack on a U.S. Marines headquarters.

Eight politicians and factional leaders have accepted invitations from Jemayel to attend the conference, which is designed to pave the way for a national unity government and a new power-sharing formula.

The talks were called for under a September 25 cease-fire agreement, but they had been held up by wrangling over a suitable venue.

Fresh clashes pitting the Lebanese Army against Druse and Shi'ite Moslem Militiamen flared yesterday in the hills southeast of the capital and in Beirut's southern suburbs.

An army spokesman said occasional artillery rounds exploded around army positions amid bursts of automatic fire, and the soldiers were responding. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The cease-fire has been violated daily, with both the army and opposition militias accusing the other of shooting first. But in recent days Moslem and leftist factions have expressed fears of a new upsurge that could abort the conference.

Teachers promised this month's wages on time

TEL AVIV. — Education Ministry Deputy Director-General Yehuda Sharlin on Wednesday promised the Histadrut Teachers Union that teachers would receive their October salaries on time, on November 1, and in full.

FILM. — Israel's entry in next year's Academy Awards competition in Hollywood is *A Married Couple*, a spokesman for the Ministry of Industry and Trade announced yesterday. The film directed by Yitzhak Yeshurun, will be entered in the Best Foreign Film category.

With deep sorrow, we announce the untimely passing in New York, on October 26, 1983, of our beloved

### MAURIZIO DAWAN

His Wife, Wanda  
His daughter, Daniela  
His son, Carlo, and Donata, Milan  
His parents, Vittorio and Giulia  
His brothers and sisters,  
Armando, Ines, Alfredo,  
Dolby, Holon  
Marcello, Rome  
His brother-in-law, Marcello  
Ortona, Rome  
and their families

Monday, October 31 (24 Heshvan 5744) marks the first anniversary of the passing of our beloved

### Prof. HEINZ ZWI WINNIK

We shall meet at the entrance to the cemetery at Givat Shaul, Jerusalem, at 3 p.m.

The Family

## Meshel: Treasury plan means layoffs

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut secretary-general Yoram Meshel yesterday criticized Treasury proposals for cutbacks outlined this week because they would lead to unemployment.

The reported proposals were expected to include services cutbacks and increased costs for university tuition.

The labour federation's criticisms are expected to come up next Monday at a meeting between Meshel and Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgrad. A press release issued by the labour federation yesterday quoted

Meshel as expressing "spiritized reservations" about the plan's implications, because they would deprive some people of their jobs.

"To create unemployment in Israel you don't need an economic plan," Meshel said. An economic plan "which would create more jobs is needed and the Histadrut will lend that its full support," he added.

Meshel also criticized the proposal that the government cut its subsidies on basic commodities and increase support to people with low wages. He maintained that workers deserve wages high enough to lead an honourable life and not be marked as "needy."

### SHAMIR TELLS MACEACHEN:

## Autonomy talks should resume immediately

Jerusalem Post Staff

Israel wants to renew the autonomy talks immediately with Jordan and Palestinian representatives sitting around the table, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told Canadian Foreign Minister Allan MacEachen yesterday. In a 90-minute conversation, Shamir emphasized Israel's support for the Camp David agreements.

Diplomatic observers in Jerusalem interpret Shamir's positive reference to Camp David as a signal that Israel's commitment to the agreements has not wavered even though senior cabinet ministers voted against the agreements in the Knesset.

MacEachen yesterday wound up his visit to Israel and reported to Shamir about his visits to Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt. When he told Shamir that it is his impression that the Syrian leaders want to restore the strategic balance with Israel, Shamir replied that Damascus has adopted an extreme policy in the region which has isolated it even from other Arab states.

"We have an agreement with Egypt," Shamir told his Canadian visitor, "and we have no particular security problems with Jordan. But the Syrians speak the language of war. They intend to achieve a measure of military power sufficient to defeat us."

Shamir told MacEachen that Israel's security interest leaves no room for Syria controlling Lebanon. Israel, he said, has no territorial demands on Lebanon and will leave

that country only when other foreign forces do so.

On Egypt, Shamir expressed concern that Cairo is trying to return to the Arab world "at Israel's expense."

Speaking at a press conference in Jerusalem after his talks with Shamir, MacEachen said Shamir failed to persuade him to change Canada's opposition to the Israeli occupation of South Lebanon.

MacEachen told reporters he understood Israel's security concerns in Lebanon. But Canadian policy remained that "the invasion itself should never have taken place" and Israel should withdraw, he said.

The Canadian said he was assured that Israel would leave Lebanon "as soon as that is possible and consistent with its security interest," but he did not say if that policy satisfied him.

MacEachen avoided commenting in public on U.S. President Ronald Reagan's assertion this week blaming Syria for the ongoing violence in Lebanon, but official sources in Jerusalem last night quoted him as telling Shamir that Syria "can be either helpful or can be a spoiler," depending on how the Syrians are handled.

In the news conference, MacEachen said Canada and the U.S. disagreed on some aspects of mideast policy, particularly on Israel's construction of new settlements in the West Bank which Canada flatly opposes.

MacEachen returns to Canada tomorrow after meeting President Chaim Herzog and touring Jerusalem.

### Mapam lashes Rosenne for backing U.S. anti-communism

Jerusalem Post Staff

Praise for American determination to combat communism by Israel's envoy to Washington Meir Rosenne was denounced last night by a Mapam spokesman as being support for the invasion of Grenada.

The spokesman added that it is not clear if Rosenne's remarks were in keeping with government policy.

Speaking at a reception in his honour sponsored by the Republican National Committee in Washington on Wednesday night, Rosenne gave support for the U.S. invasion, although he did not specifically mention it by name.

"I would like to congratulate the United States of America for the courage and the determination with which this country fights against subversion, against Communism," Rosenne said. "I think by doing that you render a service not only to this part of the world but to the world at large," the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported.

Diplomatic circles in Jerusalem said yesterday that "Jerusalem does not dissociate from the ambassador's statement."

An invasion like that of the U.S. is unjustified even when it is intended to defend democracy, the Mapam spokesman said. Rosenne's comments will certainly arouse criticism among Jews in the U.S. and elsewhere, he added.

### Arabic Book Week nearly all sold out

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Arabic Book Week at the Beit Hagefen Arab-Jewish community centre was an unprecedented success. Centre director Zvi Israel told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

About 80 per cent of the 150,000 volumes on display were sold by the time the fair ended on Sunday.

The books, from Israel, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait and Lebanon, ranged in price from IS150 for a children's book to IS3,000 for textbooks.

### My dearest husband and our vati

### FRITZ LOEWY

of Beit Joles, Haifa, is no more.

Dr. Edith Loewy  
Hanni and Family

October 27, 1983

A memorial service and the unveiling of the tombstone of my dear husband and our father and brother

### Reb MOSHE CHAYIM LEHRER

will take place on Monday, 24 Heshvan, 5744 (Oct. 31, 1983) at 3:30 p.m. at the Har Hamaenuh cemetery, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem. We shall meet at the cemetery entrance at 3 p.m.

Wife: Edith  
Son: Abe Lehrer  
Daughters: Vivien Shebson  
Shuli Whitefield  
Brother: M. D. Lehrer  
Sister: Miriam Isai

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## JERUSALEM POST POLL:

## Labour 54, Likud 40 seats if elections were held now

By MARK SEGAL  
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — A Jerusalem Post poll taken in October shows a dramatic swing away from the Likud to Labour for the first time since 1980, according to Labour 54 Knesset seats and the Likud 40, if elections were to be held now.

The poll was conducted by the Modi'in Ezrachi Research Institute among a representative sample of 1,238 adults between October 12 and 21. It was taken at the height of the economic crisis and the time of the switch-over at the Finance Ministry. It indicated that many former Likud supporters were now "floating voters."

Institute director Sara Shemer said the latest result was consistent with a trend, established over the past six months, of a shrinking of the Likud's lead over Labour. She pointed out that an analysis of the balance of power between the parties that make up the coalition and the opposition indicated that the latter now has more support than the former.

More voters have switched from the Likud to Labour since the 1981 elections than vice-versa, she said, putting the pro-Labour shift overall at 4 per cent. Most importantly, 35 per cent of the Likud's voters in 1981 now have no firm allegiance. While saying they would not vote Likud again, they have yet to make any other choice.

Shemer was asked whether there was any way of substantiating the assumption that the disenchanted Likud supporters now making up the floating vote had accounted for the high level of abstention in the local elections. She could not do so without far more detailed research. Indeed she sought to speak guardedly of drawing any far-reaching conclusions from this poll. When asked whether it indicated a permanent shift back to Labour and away from the Likud, she said that any such judgement must await next month's poll.

results. She said she had learned from professional experience that undecided voters invariably returned to their old party fold (as had happened in 1981).

She reported having put a second question to undecided voters, probing their political preferences, which elicited a pro-Likud response of a ratio of 1:1.5. Hence she would be inclined to see the October figures as more indicative of a short-term than a long-term trend, she said.

Shemer also pointed out that to judge by the poll Labour has been more successful than Likud in retaining its past voters' support. Whereas 75 per cent of those who voted Labour in 1981 would do the same again, in the Likud's case only 48 per cent said they would repeat their vote.

Another explanation for the pro-Labour shift was the narrowing of the Likud's past superiority in drawing new voters. However it is the long run Likud voting reservoir appeared to have more potential, she said. Analysis of the data offers the following profile of the average Labour voter: an older person, of western origin, secular, well-paid, a university graduate in one of the professions or a white-collar worker. The Likud voter's profile: below 30, with an elementary or partly secondary school education, oriental origin, traditional, employed either in one of the service occupations or a promoter/salesman.

	Oct. MKs	June MKs	March MKs
Likud	40	47	58
Labour	54	46	42
NRP	6	6	3
Aguda bloc	5	4	5
Tehiya	3	3	2
Tami	3	3	2
Shinui	3	3	3
CRM	2	3	1
Telem	2	3	1
Rakah & Others	4	5	4

## Samuel Lewis: Marines will stay

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The U.S. Marine Corps will remain in Lebanon until they accomplish their goals, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis yesterday told a memorial gathering in Jerusalem for the marines killed in Beirut in Sunday's terror attack.

Speaking to the overflow gathering at the Liberty Bell Garden amphitheatre, Lewis stated that the American aims in Lebanon are the beginning of national reconciliation, the withdrawal of all foreign forces and the security of Israel's northern borders. The more than 200 marines killed in Sunday's explosion came to protect the search for peace, not for America, but for Lebanon, he said. He also recalled that over 50 French soldiers were killed in a parallel attack.

He recalled that the Marine Corps Hymn commemorates an earlier mission to the Middle East when the marines were sent to Tripoli in what is now Libya, to free the U.S. from the blackmail of the terrorists of that time, the Barbary pirates.

Lewis concluded with the words of St. Matthew, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

Also addressing the gathering were Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin, Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Kollek noted that despite the world's concern over nuclear war, the real danger remains terror. "As long as we do not eradicate terror, the world will not be safe for liberty," Kollek said.

Marines Memorial Grove is to be planted in the JNF American Independence Forest in Jerusalem.

Also participating were Roman Catholic Father Norman May, who is a retired U.S. Air Force chaplain, Dr. Robert Lindsey of the Jerusalem Baptist Congregation, Orthodox Rabbi Marvin Fox, (Maj.) U.S. Army Reserve chaplain, Conservative Rabbi David Clayman, who is a U.S. Naval Reserve chaplain and Reform Rabbi Henry Kirsball.

Others attending included French Ambassador Jacques Dupont, U.S. Consul General in Jerusalem Walter Chavira and Max Fisher, past chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors.

## Reagan felt worried before Beirut bomb

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Only days before last Sunday's terrorist attack against the U.S. Marines in Beirut, President Ronald Reagan expressed a very deep and gloomy foreboding about the entire situation around the world.

"Just last night," the president said on October 18 in a telephone conversation with Tom Dine, executive director of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the pro-Israel lobbying group on Capitol Hill, "I called the mother and father of that marine casualty. We've got to find a settlement there."

According to a transcript of the conversation made available to The Jerusalem Post yesterday, Reagan continued: "You know, I turn back to your ancient prophets in the Old Testament and the signs foretelling Armageddon, and I find myself wondering if — if we're the generation that's going to see that come about. I don't know if you've noted any of those prophecies lately, but believe me, they certainly describe the times we're going through."

Reagan had telephoned Dine to express appreciation for AIPAC's behind-the-scenes lobbying efforts to secure votes in favour of the continued U.S. presence in Lebanon. "I just wanted to thank you and all your staff for the great assistance you gave us on the War Powers Act resolution," Reagan said.

Dine replied: "Frankly, we fought very hard because we thought that the U.S. was being tested. We thought you, as president and commander-in-chief, were being tested by the Syrians. And we felt very strongly that American resolve was appropriate here."

Reagan agreed with Dine's assessment.

"I believe you were right in what you figured-out there — non both counts," he said. "And I certainly appreciate it. I know how you mobilized the grassroots organizations to generate support."

The president yesterday met with his most active Republican Jewish supporters at a closed-door meeting at the White House. Administration officials said Reagan was anxious to shore up his political base in the Jewish community in anticipation of his re-election bid next year. He has scheduled additional meetings with Jewish groups in the coming weeks — a sure sign, White House sources said, that he is planning to run.

CLINIC. — A \$300,000 clinic, donated by the Bnei Zion Fraternal Organization with the help of Irving Berger of Los Angeles, will be dedicated today at the Bnei Zion Home for the Mentally Handicapped near Rosh Ha'ayin.

## Play for pupils tries to show all sides of high-school life

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"I have a terrible problem with my son," the mother complained to the school guidance counselor.

"But your son is the most normal child in the whole school," the counselor protested.

"That's what you think," the mother replied. "What would you say if I told you my son wants to be a... After an embarrassed pause, she adds in a whisper, "Teacher."

This is one of the scenes in the play *Between the Bells* which will be

seen by over 150,000 junior high-school and high-school pupils around the country this year. The play, written by Dan Almagor and performed by six actors from the Beit Leissin Theatre, was sponsored by the Histadrut Teachers Union as part of its 80th anniversary celebrations.

"We wanted something that would be for the pupils, not just for the teachers," explained Yitzhak Welber, deputy secretary-general of the union, when the play was performed for an adult audience at Beit Leissin on Sunday evening.

Pupils who see the play cannot write it off as pro-teacher propaganda. There are many scenes which make fun of teachers, raising questions pupils often ask. "Our civics teacher tells us to obey the law, but he parks his car on the sidewalk," the pupils complain in one song. "We have to come to

every class, but they can always go on strike." In another song, pupils complain that teachers insult them, but if they dare talk back they are sent to the principal's office.

In other scenes, the teacher's point of view is given. "It's hard to be a young male teacher in a high-school class full of girls," one teacher sings. Another song refers to "angelic" children who play pranks on their teachers. The teachers also complain that their contribution is not sufficiently recognized. In a song about Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, for example, they point out that his revival of the Hebrew language only worked because of the Hebrew teachers who taught his new words in the classroom.

Other aspects of school life are also portrayed: the class Casanova, the religious girl from a poor neighbourhood who cannot attend

## Economic envoy to U.S. called home

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter

Israel's economic minister to the U.S., Dan Halperin, has been instructed to return home for "consultations" with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad on the country's U.S. military aid request for 1985.

During Yoram Aridor's term as finance minister, Halperin presented the American administration with a proposal to reduce the request for military aid in 1984 to \$1.3 billion from \$1.7b., providing all the aid be offered as grants. This year half the American military aid Israel will receive will be in the form of long-term loans.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens, a close political ally of Cohen-Orgad's, last month protested against the proposal, which would have reduced the amount of aid received. There have been reports recently that the American administration has asked the Israeli authorities whether the request made by Halperin is still in effect under the new finance minister.

Cohen-Orgad is due to meet on Monday with Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel on the possibility of reaching a "package-agreement" on wages and taxes, as a way to achieve wage restraint.

A Treasury spokesman told The Jerusalem Post that the minister continuing his consultations with aides and with the Bank of Israel about a cut in government spending.

The spokesman added that Cohen-Orgad is not expected to present his plans at the cabinet's next meeting on Sunday, but will probably seek cabinet approval for the proposed cuts early in November.

## Na'amat marches

TEL AVIV. — Over 3,500 Na'amat members and their families headed by Na'amat secretary-general Musha Lubelsky are expected to take part in Na'amat's march of solidarity with Jordan Valley residents tomorrow morning. The seven-kilometre march will begin at Kibbutz Gilgal and end at the memorial at Pitzuel.

Lubelsky said the march is intended to make the public aware of the need to make development of the Jordan Valley a top national priority.

## Small traces of oil at Petah Tikva-2

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Small traces of oil were found yesterday at the Petah Tikva-2 well being drilled by Hanah, the government oil exploration company (Investments).

Hanah director Joe Silberstein said that a "small quantity of hydrocarbons" were detected in the material brought up from 2,500 metres. He cautioned that this should not be taken as an indication that a big find is in the offing.

Even if the oil is of good quality, tests must be made to see if commercial quantities can be extracted. He noted that dozens of wells in Israel over the years have turned up traces of oil or gas, only to be abandoned when the quantity was determined to be too small for exploitation. (See Weekend Magazine)

## Herzog presents prize to 'courageous Post'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"The Jerusalem Post is not just a newspaper, but also a faithful ambassador of Israel that reflects the shadows and the lights and is a reliable and courageous mirror of events," President Chaim Herzog said yesterday at a ceremony awarding the Agron Prize for Journalism to The Post.

Speaking at the ceremony in Jerusalem's Beit Agron, Herzog added that the paper has shown responsibility as well as independence of thought, and has been open to differing views, presented to let the reader decide on the issues. "It is a paper that we are proud to show visitors from abroad," said the president, because its variety reflects the best in Israel's democracy.

The prize is awarded by the Jerusalem city council every few years, usually to a journalist who has excelled in reporting on Jerusalem. But this year, the municipality decided to award it to The Post as a whole, in recognition of the paper's 50 years of publication and its presence in Jerusalem since its founding in 1932, said

municipal cultural department head Azriel Zion. The \$30,000 prize is named in memory of Garshon Agron, former mayor of Jerusalem and founding editor of The Post.

Mayor Teddy Kollek said The Post is the "only Zionist paper" published in Jerusalem. He recalled that in 1967, many newspapers spoke of moving to the capital, but "we are still waiting." He praised The Post as being a "fighting, critical, independent" paper free from outside influences.

Kollek presented a certificate and a cheque to Nat Sufirin, a representative of the paper who has worked for it for 48 years.

The Post has decided to match the prize money and to donate the total to a worthy cause after consultation with the mayor.

Post editor Erwin Frenkel said the younger generation of journalists — lively, creative and devoted to the paper — are continuing in the ideals of the paper's founders. Editor and managing director Ari Rath added that it was inconceivable for The Post not to have been published in Jerusalem, the city that has infused the paper with some of its special character.

## Chief rabbis leave for U.S. next week

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Problems of kashrut, divorce and conversion to Judaism will be among the major concerns of the two chief rabbis during their visit to the U.S. which begins next week.

The visit, by Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu, will be their first to Jewish communities in the U.S. together.

According to the chief rabbinate, many rabbis, congregations and organizations have asked them to come to the U.S.

The chief rabbis will meet with leaders of Mizrahi, Poalei Mizrahi and Agudat Yisrael as well as prominent Orthodox rabbis and the Lubavitch, Bubov and Kletznerberg rabbis. The trip is financed by Jewish organizations abroad.



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Nov. 9	3 p.m.-7 p.m.



## Iran says 94 civilians dead after Iraqi attack

TEHERAN (Reuters). — Iran said yesterday 94 people were known to have died in Wednesday's Iraqi missile raid on Behbahan, the second attack in four days on civilian targets deep in Iran.

Teheran radio also said more than 400 people had been injured in the raid, of whom 220 had been treated in hospital.

Iraqi missiles also struck the town of Masjed Suleyman for the second time Wednesday and state television said one person was killed and five others injured.

A total of 133 people are officially reported to have died in missile attacks on Masjed Suleyman and Dezful last Saturday.

The attacks followed a new Iranian offensive on the northern border of the battlefield.

Iran's latest military communique said its forces killed or wounded more than 400 Iraqi soldiers in fresh fighting and had crossed a river northwest of the besieged Iraqi border town of Penjwin. Earlier reports said they had taken positions north, south and east of Penjwin, as well as heights west of the town.

The national news agency said Iraqi casualties since the offensive began a week ago totalled about 7,000 killed or wounded.

## Agreement on limiting missiles is still possible, Soviets say

GENEVA (Reuters). — The Soviet Union's chief delegate at the Geneva arms talks indicated yesterday he believes it is still possible to reach agreement with the U.S. on limiting nuclear missiles in Europe.

Asked whether he considered there is a chance of preventing the deployment of new U.S. missiles, Ambassador Yuri Kvititsky said: "There is a sound basis for compromise."

But Soviet President Yuri Andropov also said yesterday Moscow would walk out of the missile negotiations if NATO went ahead with plans to deploy new U.S. cruise and Pershing-2 rockets in Europe from December.

He said the Kremlin would be willing to continue the negotiations on medium-range missiles if deployment is delayed.

The Soviet leader also said that in the event of agreement in Geneva, Moscow is willing to end deployment of its SS-20 missiles in Soviet Asia and would show "additional flexibility" on the issue of nuclear-capable bombers.

A U.S. delegation source, speaking before yesterday's talks, said that Andropov's statement on the bombers could be significant. It was the first positive Soviet response to an offer made by President Ronald Reagan last month to include limits on such aircraft in the negotiations, the source said.

Later in Washington, the U.S. State Department rejected as totally unjustified Andropov's threat to end the arms talks if new American missiles are deployed in western Europe.

## Senator urges refugee deal with Castro

MIAMI, Florida (AP). — U.S. Senator Lawton Chiles is urging President Ronald Reagan to repatriate Cubans captured by U.S. and Caribbean forces on Grenada only if Cuba accepts the return of Cuban refugees being held in U.S. prisons.

About 1,000 Cubans with criminal backgrounds who came to the U.S. in a 1980 boatlift are jailed in the Atlanta (Georgia) federal penitentiary. The U.S. government has said it wants to return those refugees to Cuba, but Cuban President Fidel Castro has refused to accept them.

"Frankly, Mr. President, it has been a question of leverage," Chiles wrote Wednesday in a letter to Reagan. "With U.S. control of ... Cuban soldiers, who Mr. Castro will very much want returned, I believe we now have the leverage we need."

Chiles also said that more than 100 of those planes will contain Turkish-built parts.

RELATIONS. — Oman and South Yemen yesterday announced the establishment of diplomatic relations.

## U.S. planes evacuate students from Grenada

CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP). — More American students were evacuated from strife-torn Grenada yesterday, bearing memories of diving under beds to evade gunfire, treating wounded troops in a lecture hall and waiting in terror until they were rescued.

Two military planes airlifted 74 evacuees from Grenada to Charleston air force base early yesterday, after two flights brought 141 passengers from the island Wednesday. Most evacuees were American students at St. George's University medical school.

"We lost everything," said Susan Winkler, a student from Oklahoma City. "But we have our lives. Nothing else matters."

Tracy McGahan of Nebraska said she and fellow evacuees had to run 100 metres up a beach in shifts to reach helicopters waiting to fly them to safety.

"My husband and I and several others in our group had to hit the sand at one point because we were under fire," McGahan said.

Miriam Jacobs of New Jersey said her daughter, Stefanie, 22, called her early yesterday to tell her she was safe and to describe their escape from the tiny Caribbean island.

"It's absolutely a miracle that they got out alive, no thanks to our armed forces who left them uncovered for 34 hours," she said.

"Upon leaving — being pulled out of the water — their dormitory buildings were levelled flat to the ground," she said her daughter told her. "They left with the clothes on their backs and their lives."

Authorities say as many as 650 students and other foreigners remained on the island, two days after armed forces landed.

"At about 5:30 a.m. Tuesday morning we were all asleep and I heard gunshots," said Roxanna Marin in an interview with ABC television. "We just crawled to the back of our room and we lay there until about 8:10 praying for our lives because we thought we were going to die."

At the State Department, spokesman John Hughes said by roughly half of the estimated 1,000 Americans on Grenada had asked to be evacuated.

## Spain to restructure military command

MADRID (Reuters). — Spain's Socialist government has approved plans to restructure the chain of command in the armed forces to bring them more firmly under its control, government spokesman said yesterday.

The measures, decided at a cabinet meeting Wednesday night, were designed to strengthen the role of Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez and his cabinet in deciding defence policy, the spokesman said.

The move followed the sacking last month of a senior army general who criticized the government, raising fears that some sectors of the armed forces were not fully reconciled to Spain's new democracy.

Under the proposed changes, the existing post of president of a joint commission of army, navy and air force chiefs of staff would be replaced by a single chief of staff for defence.

## Stolen gems found at kindergarten

MIAMI (AP). — Children at a day-care centre played with more than \$50,000 worth of stolen diamonds for a week before anyone realized that the gems, found in a pair of old shoes, were real.

Police on Tuesday arrested Samuel Ojalvo, 45, and Darlene Brooks, 31 on charges of stealing the 175 stones from Mayor's Jewelers on August 1.

The jewels turned up at Faith Farm, a day-care centre near Boynton Beach, on October 7 when Ojalvo's father donated a pair of his son's old shoes, which were stuffed with the gems, police said.

"The children have been making funny faces with these jewels," said a police spokesman. "It's a fairy-tale story."

Brooks was charged with grand theft, and Ojalvo was charged with grand theft and trafficking in stolen property, the spokesman said.

Arrested shoplifter dies holding her breath

SAN DIEGO (AP). — A woman who vowed to hold her breath "until I turn blue" when she was arrested for shoplifting has died after carrying out the threat.

Louise Ramos, 64, died on Monday at Sharp Cabrillo Hospital where she had been in critical condition since last Tuesday, said a nursing supervisor.

Ramos had collapsed at a discount store, where security police had detained her for questioning about shoplifting.

A police spokesman said the woman began holding her breath when police were called and then went into cardiac arrest.

## UK bill aims to outlaw royal palace intruders

LONDON (AP). — A bill introduced in Parliament on Tuesday would make it illegal to enter Queen Elizabeth II's Buckingham Palace bedchamber without an invitation.

The bill attempts to change the laws of trespass which were not used against palace intruder Michael Fagan, who penetrated palace security in July 1982 and sat on the queen's bed for 10 minutes before she could get help.

Conservative Member of Parliament Ivor Stanbrook said he wanted to amend the criminal law so it would be illegal for unwelcome visitors to enter royal households. Intruders are already outlawed from foreign embassies and diplomats' homes.

The 30-year-old unemployed Fagan was not prosecuted for trespass because he did not steal anything or have any criminal intentions, according to government lawyers.

U.S. drilling ship missing in typhoon

PEKING (AP). — A U.S. oil drilling ship carrying a crew of 79 people was missing in a typhoon on the South China Sea, the official Xinhua news agency reported on Tuesday.

Chinese airplanes and 11 Chinese naval and commercial ships were searching for the vessel, the Glomar Java Sea, but had found no signs of it, Xinhua said.

Novel on S. African war awarded top British prize

LONDON (Reuters). — Britain's top literary prize has been won by a novel which depicts a South Africa of the future torn apart by civil strife.

The Life and Times of Michael K by John Coetzee, a Cape Town University teacher, was chosen from a short list of six novels to win the annual £10,000 Booker McConnell Prize for fiction.

Coetzee, 43, was in South Africa when the award was announced Wednesday night. The prize was accepted for him by his British publishers, Secker and Warburg.

Novelist Fay Weldon, chairman of the panel of judges, described Coetzee's novel as a work of "remarkable power and simplicity, a work of great inventiveness and imagination."

The winning work, which appeared on British bookshelves this month, is the story of an obscure young gardener, Michael K., who is caught up in a war beyond his comprehension as civil order breaks down.

He takes his mother on a long march towards a new life in the abandoned countryside, determined to live his life on his own terms. But everywhere he goes, the war follows.

Coetzee, an Afrikaner whose haunting style has been compared to that of Franz Kafka, was born in Cape Town and educated in South Africa and the U.S. He teaches linguistics and American literature at the University of Cape Town.

Michael K is his fourth novel. His third, *Waiting for the Barbarians*, won South Africa's top English fiction award.

A spokesman for Coetzee's publishers said they had so far printed about 12,000 hardback copies of *Michael K* but expect to increase their print run dramatically.

## AROUND THE WORLD

### South Africans posed as guerrillas, clergy say

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — Anglican clergymen said Wednesday that South African soldiers were said to have posed as guerrillas in South-West Africa and committed atrocities against villagers.

The six clergymen from Britain, Japan and the U.S. spent 10 days in South-West Africa (Namibia) on a fact-finding mission for the archbishop of Canterbury.

Terry Waite, Anglican affairs assistant to the archbishop of Canterbury, said a South African military official admitted to him that soldiers have dressed in guerrilla uniforms and "engaged in atrocities."

Turkey jails 94 Kurds who want own state

ANKARA (Reuters). — A military court in the southeast Turkish city of Diyarbakir yesterday jailed 94 Kurdish militants, including a former mayor of the city, for up to 24 years for fighting to establish an independent state.

Reporters in court said the former mayor was jailed for 24 years for supplying arms to an illegal organization.

### Peking promises emergency help to PLO

PEKING (Reuters). — China has promised to provide the Palestine Liberation Organization with emergency material aid in response to an appeal by PLO leader Yasser Arafat, the New China News Agency said yesterday.

It gave no other details. China has frequently stressed its support for the Palestinian cause and has called for the creation of a Palestinian homeland.

### Indonesian girl spent half her life as 'ape'

JAKARTA (Reuters). — A 12-year-old Indonesian girl, believed to have drowned six years ago, has been found living as a "jungle creature" in a south Sumatran swamp, the official Antara news agency reported yesterday.

Hunters found the girl, Imyati, lying on the marshy ground, her naked body covered with moss. They at first mistook her for an orang-utan.

She was unable to speak and could only make waving gestures with her hands, Antara said.

When found in a dense jungle swamp in the Lampung region of southern Sumatra, she was less than 20 kilometres from her home. Imyati has since been reunited with her family and is undergoing medical treatment.

The hunters stumbled on her in the jungle swamp on September 17, when their dog started barking at what appeared to be a strange ape-like creature, according to the Jakarta newspaper *Suara Karya*.

When they realized it was not an animal, one of the hunters collapsed with shock. When he recovered they ran back to a village to consult the local witchdoctor, apparently believing they had seen a ghost, the paper said.

### Detroit launches fight against high-school pupil violence

DETROIT (AP). — A special police team equipped with metal detectors makes unannounced sweeps of the city's 22 high schools and turns up a small arsenal of handguns, knives and clubs. Students wear mandatory identification cards before being allowed into school buildings, and any pupil found with a handgun in school faces automatic expulsion.

Detroit, a city of 1.2 million inhabitants, is getting tougher with its public school pupils to put an end to the violence in the system.

"Guns have no place on our school grounds or in our school buildings," said Arthur Jefferson, superintendent of the city's 200,000-pupil school system, the nation's fifth largest.

Jefferson ordered stepped-up security after several recent violent incidents, including the shooting death of one pupil.

Less than a week after the school year began in September, 16-year-old Marco Hardaway was shot to death outside Henry Ford High School in a middle-class neighbourhood. Another student is being held in connection with the slaying.

Four days later, two students were wounded near another school and on October 10, a student was wounded in a knife attack at Redford High School in a working-class neighbourhood.

Use of the metal detectors began on September 20. The searches have resulted, so far, in the arrests of 35 students and the seizure of 12 weapons, including handguns, a club and knives — one with a 30 centimetre blade, said Frank Blount, the school district's security chief.

In a letter to parents, Jefferson announced that pupils would have to wear identification badges to get into school and anyone found with a handgun would be expelled.

"We've had no serious problems with students complying," Jefferson said last week, adding that he wanted to attract parent volunteers to monitor school hallways.

Detroit has had a standing curfew since 1975. The ordinance requires that people under age 18 be off city streets after 10 p.m. during the week and 11 p.m. on weekends. Those convicted of curfew violations face a \$500 fine or 90 days in jail. City police said 323 youths were arrested between June 30 and September 6.

### Philippines troops hunt cannibal-bandits

CEBU, Philippines (Reuters). — Troops in the southern Philippines are hunting bandits who reportedly skin and eat their victims, legal sources said yesterday.

A state prosecutor said about 50 bandits had terrorized mountain farmers and driven several hundred people from their homes about 360 kilometres south of Manila.

Of the 18 dead several had been beheaded, skinned and in one case eaten as part of an apparent initiation ritual for new gang members.

The prosecutor said that according to one of the alleged leaders of the group, who was captured Wednesday, the bandits call themselves the "Shoeless Ones."

### MANSFORD WINS

Israel's Amos Mansdorf had another tremendous win to reach semi-finals of the \$25,000 ATP tennis tournament in Helsinki. He beat Italy's Luca Bazzani, 6-4, 6-3.

At Ashdod this afternoon the third in a series of international matches between the Israeli and French under-12 boys and girls teams starts at the Israel Tennis Centre. Play moves tomorrow morning to the FIT facility in Jerusalem.

CROSS-COUNTRY. — The fourth annual Kibbutz Mishmar Hasharon 10km cross-country race takes place tomorrow, starting at the kibbutz at 9 a.m. Registration is possible at the start-line until 8.30.

## Sports

### The night belonged to Ramat Gan

By DON GOULD  
Post Basketball Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "You dream of a night like this," said coach Simm Reguer, a smile as broad as the Mississippi covering his face, after Hapoel Ramat Gan had scored a stunning 103-72 Korac Cup basketball triumph over the Italian visitors Cazzera on Wednesday night at Yad Elyahu. "We finally put it all together. For the first time this year we went on offence for the full 40 minutes," a delighted Reguer chortled.

The Italians, taller than Hapoel and just off an impressive league victory over last year's European champions Cantu, were expected to provide Ramat Gan with a rough night.

The home club refused to abide by the dictated logic. They came out with fire in the eyes and within 70 seconds, Or Goren, Steve Kaplan and Steve Malovic had all scored on fast breaks engineered by the brilliant passing of Avigdor Moscovitz.

Ramat Gan never looked back. Cazzera pulled into contention before the half but lost Hapoel in addition to 15 points, was devastating under the boards. He completely intimidated the Italians' big men at the start of the second half when Hapoel outscored them 25-09. Or Goren 29, Malovic 27 and Moscovitz 20 led the home scoring with Cazzera's main contribution coming from Carrera 18 and Schmidt 16.

"We have every right to be confident of clinching the tie by holding them in the return match in Italy next week," Reguer said.

The other Ramat Gan club, Maccabi also go into the return against Rapid Bucharest at home with a happy eight point advantage from their trip to Rumania. Maccabi's devilish run-and-gun style stood them in good stead against the disciplined Rumanians with Doron Jamchee in great shooting form notching up 35 points.

There was a shock in the Champions Cup when the champions Coloplast Cuxa were beaten 88-77 by Ostend in Belgium.

Israel v Portugal

TEL AVIV. — A 16 strong Portuguese Olympic soccer team and nine officials have arrived here for the critical Olympic qualifying game against Israel at the Bloomsfield Stadium in Jaffa on Sunday. Kick off is at 4.45 p.m.

The Israeli team are in intensive training at Kibbutz Shefayim.

### Kiss of life

English soccer supporters have a new hero. He is the Hungarian forward Sandor Kiss.

This afternoon the fancied Hungarians knew the outcome of Group Three of the European championships into confusion by beating hot favourites Denmark 1-0 through a surprise Kiss goal in the 55th minute in their match in Budapest.

Denmark, who had won five and drawn one of their previous ties, must now win in Greece next month to be sure of qualifying for the finals in France next summer. But England, who play Luxembourg away from home on the same night, suddenly find themselves in the role of favourites. They will undoubtedly beat Luxembourg while the nervous Danes, who lead the section by one point, are by no means certain of winning in Athens.

The Danes will consider themselves somewhat underdogs. They led the ball in the net in the 14th minute only to have Klaus Berggren flag off and 60 seconds later Alfons Simonson sent a shot across the face of the goal from a good position. But the home defence held firm and Hungary played much better in the second half to earn their unexpected win.

West Germany virtually booked themselves a spot in the finals by crushing Turkey 5-1 in Berlin.

In the English Milk Cup Notts Forest were headed out by third division Walsingham while Spurs went down in another shock result to Lincoln City but scraped through on aggregate over the two legs.

### Chinese triumph

BUDAPEST (Reuters). — China triumphantly dethroned the Soviet Union as men's team champions amid emotional scenes at the world gymnastics championships here.

Only 0.15 of a point separated China from the Soviet Union gold medalists at the last two world championships, and it was not until the final exercise of the night on the high bar by individual hero Tong Fei that the Chinese could be certain they were the new titleholders.

The Chinese team rushed onto the mat to first embrace Tong, who topped the individual placings with his 9.90 on the bar, and then celebrated their first-ever world title.

Tong headed the individual standings with 118.70 points.

Israel placed second last in the 26 nations event, besting only New Zealand in the standings.

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The Jerusalem Post's Washington Correspondent Wolf Blitzer talks to the former U.S. president



Jimmy Carter tells The Post: 'U.S. and Israel must cooperate'



country who have been active in the Mideast peace search, both within my own administration and in the administrations of presidents Nixon and Ford, and to provide a just forum."

Carter said he hoped that as a result of the discussions, "some options and some recommendations for progress towards peace in the future" might be made.

CARTER WAS encouraged by U.S. policy in the Middle East a year ago when Reagan released his peace initiative. "But, of course, there was minimal if any progress made as a result of that," he said.

"So we recognize there's obviously a diversity of opinion," Carter continued. "The Mideast issues are controversial and very confusing. We hope to provide some element of increased understanding and communication. That's the purpose of the conference."

"We're not trying to create a negotiating atmosphere. We've guaranteed all the governments in a letter signed jointly by me and President Ford that he and I will participate in all the public discussions to prevent any violation of national sensitivities so that there wouldn't be any problem between Syria and Israel or Israel and the Palestinians, and we could maintain that environment of, first of all, free discussions, and, secondly, of constructive consultation, and, thirdly, that no one will be embarrassed."

The Carter conference affords Israel an opportunity to deal directly with influential officials from several Arab countries — something Israel has sought for many years. But the presence of Khalid may kill that opportunity.

And that, in turn, would undoubtedly weaken the importance of the entire consultation.

with the PLO, Carter replied: "There are no others who could reasonably be regarded as being members of the PLO."

and, of course, he is not a member of the PLO or its executive council — as has been alleged by some."

was "the intellectual backbone of the PLO." They expressed doubt that Israel would officially join in the conference in Atlanta.

To further support their point, they said the Reagan administration also had decided not to participate in the official dialogue — only to attend as observers. "That's because of Khalid," an Israeli official said.

But U.S. officials later denied this, noting that Khalid has met in the past with State Department and White House aides.

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CARTER CONTINUED: "There were never any threats to Israel of withdrawal of our support, things of that kind, even though obviously on occasion the policies of Prime Minister Begin and my opinion were quite at odds. But we always worked with mutual respect and I think recognized the value of that close relationship."

Carter, who had suffered through the 444-day hostage ordeal in Iran, was shaken by the tragedy in Beirut.

He expressed concern "about the situation over there and the vulnerability of our Marines and the need to strengthen our contingent there, at least until we can ascertain if the policy is leading towards an improved situation concerning the withdrawal of foreign forces, and also to determine the willingness of the Lebanese to work out their own differences in a peaceful way."

President Reagan, he said, cannot now simply withdraw the marines "as a result of a terrorist attack."

Carter said he called Begin last September 17, the fifth anniversary of the Camp David accords. "I told him I was thinking about him that day."

Carter described Camp David as "an historic move towards peace," and Begin, he said, "responded with good wishes to me. He seemed to be quite strong in voice. It was a fairly brief but congenial conversation."

Carter was convinced that Israel's latest economic austerity measures would help Israel to weather the current crisis. He rejected suggestions that Israel's pre-occupation with domestic political and economic headaches was resulting in a reduced Israeli interest in foreign affairs.

"I'm absolutely certain," he said, "that Israel is not forgetting about foreign policy, but I think that with the new government leaders coming in and some changes in the cabinet, it's imperative that they address the economic question. My impression is that they've addressed it quite forcefully and, I think, with political courage."

Carter said he had not received any specific information from Washington about the identity of the terrorists involved in the Beirut airport massacre.

SINCE LEAVING the White House in January 1981, Carter has spent a considerable amount of his time thinking about the Arab-Israeli conflict. His involvement in the Middle East represented a major chunk of his recently published memoirs.

After touring the region several months ago, he returned home determined to put together a conference on the Middle East at his new base in Atlanta — the Carter Centre, temporarily housed at Emory University.

The centre will eventually be based at a \$25 million complex near Emory that will include the Carter presidential library and a presidential museum. The centre received grants from the Ford, Koret and Rockefeller foundations for the Middle East Conference.

Carter was very disappointed that the Israeli government has tentatively decided to boycott the conference, despite an earlier promise from Begin that Israel would be officially represented.

In a telephone conversation in early October, Israel's Ambassador Meir Rosenne explained to Carter that Israel would not participate because Palestinian Professor Walid Khalidi of Harvard University had been invited. Rosenne insisted that Khalidi was a member of the PLO.

"That's contrary to the information we have from the State Department and others in a position to know," said Carter of Khalidi, who is also affiliated with the American University in Beirut. Asked if other Palestinians invited were associated

with the PLO, Carter replied: "There are no others who could reasonably be regarded as being members of the PLO."

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Israeli Middle East academic specialists who are expected to attend include professors Itamar Rabinovich, Haim Shaked and Yehoshua Porath. Dr. Adnan Bakhit and Dr. Abbas Kelidar from Jordan will also attend, as will Dr. Amr Mohieddin from the University of Cairo and Dr. Azziz Shukri of the University of Damascus.

European scholars include Dr. Udo Steinback of West Germany and Dr. Dominique Moisi of France. U.S. academics expected to attend include Dimitri Simes of the Carnegie Endowment, Oles Smolansky of Lehigh University, Bernard Wasserstein of Brandeis, and Steven Spiegel of UCLA.

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# Fade-out of the faithful

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HERUT INSIDERS increasingly talk about the de-Beginization, a rather cumbersome term, but one reflecting the growing feeling among the faithful that, however much Premier Yitzhak Shamir pays lip service to Menachem Begin and his heritage, the new prime minister is abandoning all that Begin stood for. He has handed two important portfolios, defence to Moshe Arens and finance to Yigal Cohen-Orgad, to men who, like him, opposed the Camp David Accords, Begin's most significant achievement. As for the removal of Yoram Aridor from the Treasury, the luckless former minister's few friends claim that he was only doing his old party chief's bidding when he opened the state coffers to ensure Begin's 1981 reelection.

The third sign of de-Beginization is Shamir's tough handling of the squabbling Liberal Party warlords, whose internal disarray enabled him to deny both Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Palt the Treasury. The new boss, not minding his words, reportedly said: "I'm no gentleman." He left the comparison unsaid to Begin's over-concern for Liberal sensibilities.

The next Begin man expected to leave the government is Ya'acov Meridor. Presumably his portfolio, minister of economic coordination, will be shelved. Meridor, Begin's perennial No. 2, was summoned to take the cabinet seat of the late Haim Landau. Meridor's exit would leave the Herut front bench emptied of Begin's "fighting family."

Already Begin's people are being shifted away from or have left the Prime Minister's Office. His faithful secretary Yona Kilmovitzky has quit, while Shamir has made no secret of the fact that he is waiting impatiently for Begin's *chef de cabinet*, Yehiel Kadishai, to follow suit. Shamir's aide at the Foreign Ministry, Yosef Ben-Aharon, has already been installed as political counsellor, a temporary title until Kadishai joins Begin in retirement.

They're also saying in Herut that Deputy Minister Dor Shlansky, whom Begin reportedly installed in his office at Kadishai's bidding, will be following his old IZL comrade shortly. His title and room are supposedly being reserved for Shamir's party lieutenant, Herut Knesset whip Ronnie Milo. But rumour also has it that Milo is toying with the alternative idea of becoming Israel's ambassador to Washington in a year's time, to replace Meir Rosenne, regarded as a personal Begin appointee. And the ascendancy of the Arens faction in Herut strengthens the position of their man in the Washington embassy, Counsellor Shlomo Netanyahu. At the Foreign Ministry, they're talking of

frequent trans-Atlantic calls between Netanyahu and the Defence Ministry.

THE POWER BASE of Arens and Cohen-Orgad in Herut is not all that large. They may be chieftains, as the saying goes, but the Indians look to Deputy Premier David Levy and, to a lesser extent today, to Ariel Sharon.

Levy may be eyeing the foreign affairs portfolio, but his pals advise him to continue doing what he knows best — consolidating his power base by being the main address for domestic affairs. Levy argues that in order to get a second shot at the premiership, he must get experience in foreign affairs, the lack of which, he says, counted against him in the contest with Shamir.

We'll soon know Shamir's intentions when he announces the composition of the prestigious Ministerial Security Committee, from which Begin excluded Levy, and the Ministerial Economic Committee, which Moda'i wants to join. Moda'i is also eyeing Shamir's old post, and this week was quoted as warning Herut "against pushing the Liberal Party into a corner... they might be putting the axe to the tree which supports us all."

Herut insiders say Shamir may be using Moda'i to keep Levy in his place. There is talk of a cabinet shake-up that would shift Moda'i's man, Pessah Grupper long-time supporter, Michael Dekel, from deputy to agriculture minister.

Another scenario heard at Met-zudat Ze'ev: Shamir will ignore the Liberals, let Levy have foreign affairs and install Dekel in Levy's housing ministry. Some say that would have Ariel Sharon on a new rampage, and, anyway, Levy's deputy, Moshe Katza, has put in a claim for the job.

Maybe a passion for secrecy, as befitting a former Mossad operations officer, can be seen in the Shamir attitude toward cabinet meetings. Excluded now are all the junior figures whom Begin allowed in, including the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, Matityahu Shmuelovitz, one of Shamir's old Lehi lieutenants.

One new Shamir rule, which has annoyed the working press and several ministers, has been his stern prohibition of the scenes we all used to see on Sunday night *Mabat* of ministers talking eagerly into the microphone. That's forbidden now. Interestingly, the first to break the new rule was Yigal Cohen-Orgad



Yoram Aridor



Ya'acov Meridor



Yehiel Kadishai

after the meeting in which he was named finance minister. Shamir meets Herut ministers separately prior to cabinet sessions, making the Liberals feel even more out of things. They never had that trouble with Begin, who never consulted with any of his fellow ministers.

IT'S NOT widely known that the new finance minister's hyphenated name is only a recent phenomenon. He added "Orgad" to the family name of Cohen so he would not be confused with a newer Likud (La'am) MK, Yigal Cohen. "Orgad" represents the first initials of his four children, Orly, Renan, Gilat and Dror. His daughter, now Orly Weizman, married young and became Orthodox. She lives in Beit-El with her three children; Gilat is studying medicine at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; and the two boys Renan and Dror attend the Ramat Aviv high school.

The minister and his wife met in their teens in the Betar youth movement. No one in Herut would accuse Sara Cohen-Orgad of trying to exert political influence over her husband, which was not the way Aviva Aridor was seen.

Mrs. Cohen-Orgad has taken sabbatical leave from the school in Ariel where she has been principal for the past three years. The Cohen-Orgads are currently completing a house in Ariel.

AT THE FINANCE MINISTRY, they're waiting to see how long it

takes for the minister to clash with his deputy, Haim Kaufman, whom he reluctantly agreed to keep on at Shamir's insistence. The two have been bitter adversaries in the party for years. Surely Cohen-Orgad's people have not forgotten that after their man attacked Aridor's policies three months ago, Kaufman started telling everyone that "Cohen-Orgad is finished."

"I've also heard that Shamir wants his own source of evaluation of economic affairs and is looking for a special counsellor. The name has come up, in this connection, of David Shoham, until recently general manager of Barak Edmond de Rothschild's Israel General Bank.

QUOTABLE QUOTES: President Chaim Herzog, visiting Upper Galilee this week, noted that while national interest had focused on "one building in Tel Aviv, and all eyes had been on share movements...the principle share value of Israel is found here in Galilee."

And from *Ma'ariv's* former Shalom Rosenfeld: "Modern man first lost his faith in the Almighty; then he lost his belief in mankind; but if he should lose his trust in the banks — then the world would indeed collapse."

MANY this week thought that Likud's finance minister No. 2, Yigal Hurvitz, put the most cogent question of the month: "How come the bank managements did not emulate Yosef Rieger and Eliezer Fishman? When their companies'

shares collapsed, they sold their own assets to retrieve their value and their clients' money, while the bankers let the public suffer their losses and applied to the government to bail them out."

Sharp criticism of Aridor's economics came from London, where Marks and Spencer president, Lord Sieff, told the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce that "the Israeli Government has been copying the declining Roman Empire's policy of bread and circuses for the masses." He termed Israel's policies as "T.V.C." The initials stand for "TV, video and cars."

Speaking of Sieff, there's talk that he'll step down as chairman of the Weizmann Institute's board in the spring, and Prof. Michael Sela leaving the presidency the following year.

AGRICULTURE Minister Pessah Grupper, a known fan of Westerns, this week confessed to TV's *Ram Evron* that he avidly watches the satirical British TV series *Yes, Minister*. Grupper said the series taught him a lot about how to handle his permanent officials. Did it influence the way he tried to oust the highly esteemed head of the Israel Lands Administration, Meir Shamir? Incidentally the script writer of the series, Jonathan Wynn, has been holidaying here and visiting his uncle, Abba Eban, who is just back from a short visit to the U.S. to launch a new book, *The New Diplomacy* (Random House). Henry Kissinger gave a party in honour of

Eban, who reports people said it was the first time Dr. K. was heard to praise anyone but himself.

RONNIE MILO, Micha Reiser, Meir Shamir and Michael Kleiner may disagree on many a matter, but they see eye-to-eye on the need to bring Ezer Weizman back into the Herut fold. Apparently they have failed so far to persuade Shamir, Levy and Co. to think likewise. Friends advise Ezer to form a centre party together with disgruntled Liberals. It's said that not only the gang of four, led by Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor, might join, but even Moda'i's group, should Herut get real ornery.

THE PUNDITS are waiting to see what Tami's Aharon Abuhatzra will do once his "outside work" jail sentence ends. People close to Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres hope Abuhatzra will bring Tami's MKs into a Labour coalition, plus part of the National Religious Party. Even Rabin *hasid* Shervah Weiss said this week that Tami and the NRP might switch horses. No wonder David Levy recently indicated that he would welcome Abuhatzra back at the cabinet table.

GRUMBLES HAVE come my way about how Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, is behaving the way its founder, the late Natan Goldmann, did. The WJC, it is said, will fight hard for Soviet Jewry if it runs the show, meaning a monopoly on all matters relating to the campaign. Or so Bronfman is supposedly demanding. A battle may be in store with World Zionist Organization chairman Arye Dulitz. That certainly wouldn't help the Jerusalem Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Veterans of that campaign, including Zeldi Harris and Ruth Katz, turned a party last week into a get-together of those who had battled for "The Thirty-Fives." They happened to be at the Herzliya Pituach home of Doreen and John Gainsford, who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

A sad anniversary this week is the marking of a year since the death of Prof. Abba Lerner, the first dean of the social sciences faculty at Tel Aviv University. His former pupil, TAU's president, Haim Ben-Shahar, announced the endowment of the Abba Lerner scholarship. His widow, Dalia Lerner, flew in for the event, as did Princeton Prof. William Baumol.

Knesset Speaker Menahem

Savidor and his wife Raya gave a farewell party in honour of the Norwegian parliamentary mission led by ex-premier Othar Nordli. Guests included Yitzhak and Shulamit Shamir and Norwegian Ambassador Knut Aars.

THE COUNTRY is being flooded with Hollywood celebrities. Some are coming to work on movies for Menachem Golan's Cannon Corp. like Robert Altmann and Telly Savalas in *The Ambassador*. Also due to visit, Diane Keaton, who will star in the TV version of John Le Carré's controversial *The Little Drummer Girl*. Phyllis Diller and Mandy Patinkin arrived for the first B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League celebrity golf tournament in Caesarea. At a Tel Aviv Hilton dinner hosted by the ADL's Harry Wall, Diller informed us of a distinction she shares with Bob Hope — Hollywood's only non-Jewish comedian. And although she's here for a golf tournament, she is not a golfer.

Shirley Maclaine has been here on what was mysteriously termed a highly-private visit. Enquiry elicited that the film star spent much of her time here at the apartment of Arik Sharon. Knowing of Ms. Maclaine's interest in the occult, I suppose she must have found in Arik an occult object.

BETH HATEFUL ISOTH, the Museum of the Diaspora, has honoured the late Dr. Yitzhak Gruenstein-Shamir, a former leader of Polish Jewry, by naming its main foyer after him, as well as by setting up in his memory a fund for the visual documentation of the life of Polish Jewry. The fund was established by his brother, Haim Gruenstein and his daughter, Ruth Shalom-Popkin.

THE DIRECTOR of the U.S. Culture Centre in Tel Aviv, Rose Sue Bernstein, and her Jerusalem counterpart, Barry Jacobs, are bringing an eminent academic couple to Israel next month. Prof. Walter Rostow and Elspeth Rostow. They will be on hand to discuss the 1984 U.S. presidential elections. Rostow was special advisor on security affairs to Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson.

WEST GERMAN *charge d'affaires* Dr. Franz Sikora this week gave dinner to mark the signing of the partnership agreement between the universities of Munich and Tel Aviv. Guests included Munich University president Prof. Wolf Steinmann and historian Prof. Christian Meier, with Tel Aviv represented by its president, Prof. Moshe Many, its history department head, Prof. Zvi Yavetz, and its Jewish history department chairman, Prof. Shlomo Simonsohn.

## AN ELECTION WITHOUT FEVER

TELEREVIEW / Philip Gillon

TELEVISION HOUSE, like the rest of the country, did not know how to take the municipal elections on Tuesday. They assembled the usual cast of excellent news gatherers, newscasters, savants and experts, with Hanech Smith on hand to provide shrewd forecasts based on the barest minimum of data.

But it was obvious that all concerned were labouring mightily to create a sense of urgency and importance. It was rather like a somewhat tired road show, presented at a minimum of cost, of a superannuated Broadway hit.

Thus we had no vivid coverage throughout the day of election fever in voting stations and party headquarters. Indeed, television hardly seemed to notice the event until nine o'clock. This was hardly surprising because election fever was notably absent: the temperature of the elections was closer to freezing point.

Though the entire cast did its best to hold us enthralled when the election special came on at 11.20 p.m., it failed to build up any suspense, ringing down the final curtain as early as 12.32 on Wednesday morning.

The problem was that the public had displayed little interest in the elections at any time, including voting day: the poll of 58 per cent reflected this apathy, and it was bound to brush off on the television house teams.

Professor Shevah Weiss MK tried to comfort us late at night with the thought that the low poll was "normal," according to Western standards. This contraction of a democratic disease struck me as a very novel point of view; that others

suffer from the same complaint should not be a source of consolation.

Theoretically, these elections were of vital importance to the nation. For those of us who live at Jerusalem, it was a matter of life or death whether Teddy Kolek succeeded; only he can save us from the danger within the gates.

The elections should have provided us with a clear indication of whether those voters who supported Likud in 1977 and 1981 — and so brought so many woes down upon our heads — have realized the folly of their ways. But with so low a poll, and with no clear pattern in the

various municipalities, no guidance can be gained about how the electorate would vote in general elections tomorrow.

Personally, I think that the nation is so numbed by all the catastrophes that have overwhelmed us since the beginning of *Tashmad*, the Year of the Apocalypse, that nobody feels like bothering about mere municipal politics, however important.

Somebody told me that he was too ill with what he diagnosed as "boursitis" to worry about roads and sewers. A woman at a social gathering, trying to divert the conversation from the collapse of the bank shares to the battle for the mayoralty, was reprimanded with the cliché, generally used to describe the nation's mourning in times of war: "There is not one father's house that has not been hit. The stock exchange is more important than these elections."

There is one clear lesson to be learned: the municipal elections should be combined with the general elections. Everyone appearing on television, not only opinion-shapers and men-in-the-street but also the newscasters, who are supposed to present only news and not opinions, kept emphasizing that the granting of a public holiday for the elections had cost the nation \$300m.

Compared to the treasure poured out in Lebanon and on the West Bank, this may seem to be a very small sum to pay for democracy, but the low poll proves that it was an unnecessary expenditure.

We should obviously return to the old system of having one election day for everything, and those of us who need rest desperately should stretch out our official holidays with "bridge days" and half-holidays, taken as full holidays, during Passover and Succot.

TWO AMERICANS, experts in helping politicians to run their campaigns, appeared on Ram Evron's *This is the Time* — one to Labour, the other to Likud — during the disastrous 1981 campaign, for which the nation is paying so high a price. Ram Evron treated the former

Labour adviser as though he was the architect of that defeat, as though he was personally responsible for the failure of Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin to persuade the public that they had, in fact, really, kissed and made up and that Peres was the right man to lead the nation, with Rabin at his side (instead of at his back, knife in hand).

Evron asked his guest pointed questions about the advice he had given Peres over his dress and other such details, as if the right tie would have swayed the voters.

It was, of course, quite unfair to blame the public relations consultant for the loss of the elections. I was reminded of the story of Sam Goldwyn, who once decided to spend a fortune on a picture featuring his latest "find," Anna Sten. A certain director objected to the project. Sten, he said, was utterly hopeless as an actress and the film itself was doomed to failure. Goldwyn fired him. The film was completed by several other directors, and it duly flopped.

Years later, when Goldwyn needed a director, somebody suggested he should use the gloomy prophet, who had meanwhile succeeded in other studios. "What! Use that man!" cried Goldwyn. "I associate him with my biggest failure!"

In fact the main error the American expert committed was agreeing to be involved at all in a political campaign that was doomed because the two Labour leaders had fatally wounded each other. Personally, I think that Shimon Peres is terrific and that Yitzhak Rabin is terrific and that either of them would make a far superior premier to anybody the Likud has produced.

Every time either of them appears on television to present a point of view, I am completely convinced. I prefer leaders who talk sense in a calm and rational way, to screaming demagogues.

What is more, Yitzhak Rabin is a devoted tennis player, and any man that keen on tennis must have his head and his heart in the right place. But I am afraid that all the public relations experts in the world will

never persuade Israelis to give either of them a majority vote in elections. Ever since Rabin wrote a book in which he dealt his fatal blow to Peres — much like the conspirators disposing of Julius Caesar — thousands of Israelis have become convinced that they cannot trust either of them. It's very unfair, but it's a fact of political life. Like Humpty Dumpty, they cannot be put together again by all the king's horses or all the king's men — or by American public relations advisers for that matter.

Stereotypes of two unreliable characters have been created in the public mind, and no power of earth can break a stereotype in Israel, perhaps anywhere. As they say in the judicial commissions, Peres and Rabin should draw the necessary conclusions.

IT IS NOT OFTEN that I say nice things about any Likud leader, but I must say that Pessah Grupper won me over completely when he appeared on Evron's show. He had obviously made up his mind to project an image of being a benevolent, Falstaffian *bon vivant*, combining a tolerant sense of humour with a shrewd down-to-earth, man-of-the-world outlook on politics.

He succeeded admirably. His resemblance to Falstaff, described by Shakespeare so magnificently as "larding the lean earth he walks upon," was accentuated when he stripped his ample waist of the Texan belt of which he is so proud.

He told us that he never goes without it: I suspect that he has had to let a few notes since it was presented to him by the Texans, of whom, if we are to believe Dallas, tend to be lean, despite an excessive intake of calories.

He proclaimed himself to be a lover of Westerners and admitted, without the slightest embarrassment,

ment, that he tried to use his position on the Knesset Finance Committee to "persuade" Television House to provide us with more of these films.

I agree with him heartily. Westerners are far and away the best of "escape" films, with more care given in them to story lines and character development than thrillers get. I also endorse his methods of "persuasion": as Bertie Wooster's Aunt Dahlia says in the P.G. Wodehouse books, "Long live blackmail! There's nothing to touch it."

Finally, Grupper proved that he is an admirable student of television by raving about *Yes, Minister*. He suggested that viewing it should be compulsory for every member of the Knesset, so that they should learn what makes one of the greatest of democracies tick.

IN FACT, *Yes, Minister* is so good that it is a thousand pities that it comes on so late on Saturday nights, when so many MKs have probably been tucked away in their beds. I realize that Benson is put on early so that the kids can have a look at it before going to sleep, and that *Yes, Minister* might be too sophisticated for them. But for once, they should be sacrificed for the adults, and the timing of the comedies should be reversed.

Apart from the insights into how a country should be governed, to which Grupper referred, *Yes, Minister* is one of the funniest series I have seen. Each episode contains a story line, a moral and dialogue which, I savour like 12-year-old Scotch. And these attributes are matched by the acting, which sparkles like a diamond.

Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowles can raise laughs with raised eyebrows, popping eyes, sagging jaws and suppressed smiles in a way far beyond the pedestrian cast of Benson.

Come on, he sports, Television House. Give us the British brilliant instead of the American schlemmer.

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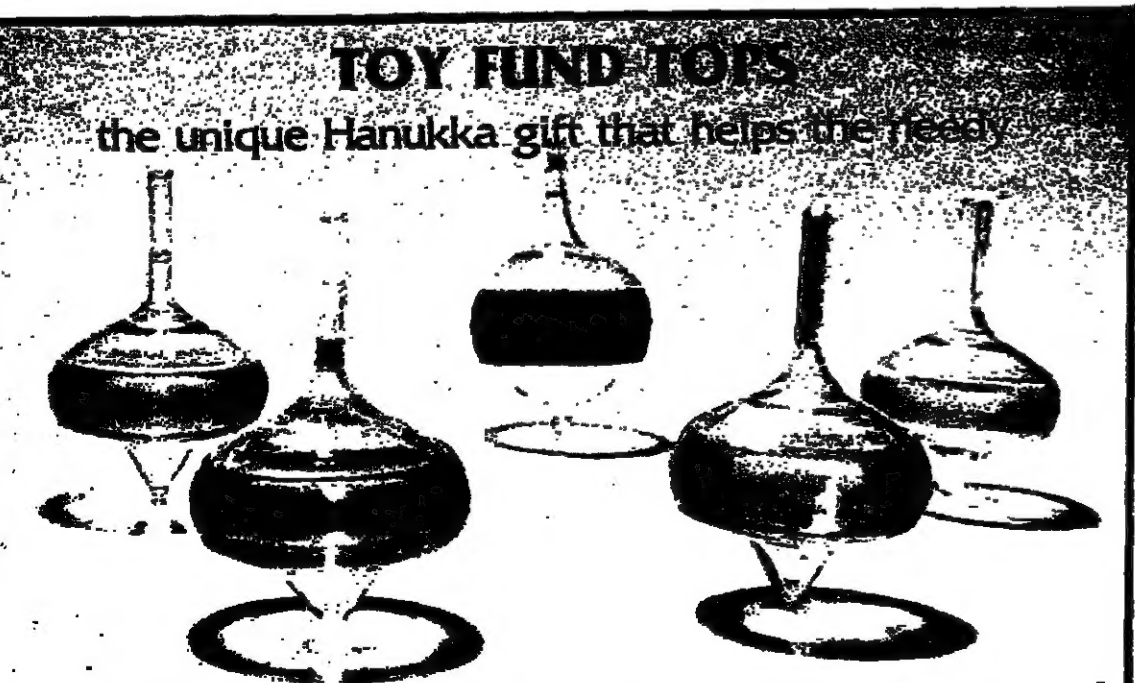
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## Comfort for the Likud

By SARAH HONIG

NONE of the predictions made on the eve of Tuesday's local elections within the two large parties came true.

Likud insiders told The Post off the record that they expected to pay the price for the bank shares fiasco, the economic upheavals that terminated with the finance minister's resignation, and even for the departure from the political scene of the Likud's number one vote-getter, Menachem Begin.

Party activists were quietly panicky. They admitted in private that the worst possible time for the Likud to contest an election. Apart from the extremely unfavourable economic situation, there was the added handicap of wrangles between Herut and Liberal would-be candidates and the inflation of candidates within each of the leading Likud factions. The result was that in well over 20 cities the Likud could not field a unified ticket, and two, three or even four Likud candidates were competing against each other in a given locality.

The Likud silently expected the worst — an angry voter backlash. The best the Likud's own pundits dared hope for was that the public would let off steam and that the local race would serve as a safety valve for the showdown that really counts — the bout for the Eleventh Knesset.

As the Likud's trepidation increased, Labour's spirits and confidence rose. Labour loudly and lustily sought to promote an anti-Likud protest vote. The Likud's loss was to Labour's gain, and an indication of a new mood in the public and with it a change in the national voting patterns.

Thus Labour's election strategists spent the pre-election fortnight

viceriously attempting to convince the public of an inextricable link between the state of the national economy and local politics.

BUT AFTER the ballots were cast and counted they yielded a surprise — no prediction came true. There was no Likud debacle and no sweeping pro-Labour trend. Nothing much changed from the 1978 local elections results. Labour wrested some local authorities from the Likud, but the Likud scored counter-successes by taking over Labour municipal strongholds. Labour made gains in some city councils and the Likud in others. Shifts, where they occurred at all, were almost imperceptible, and elections experts agree unanimously that they could not be interpreted as heralding any upset in nation-wide voting patterns.

All this did not stop Labour chairman Shimon Peres from proclaiming victory and declaring that his party had achieved "almost a turnaround."

But Peres, who in 1981 suffered the embarrassment of claiming victory in the Knesset elections on the basis of straw poll predictions, should know better than anyone that "almost" is not good enough. In politics, as in sport, "almost" doesn't count.

From Labour's point of view it would be best to admit that the uneventful elections of a few days ago mean very little just as the campaigning interested only very few. The results of the local races are largely irrelevant to the upcoming Knesset battles to be fought at a yet undetermined date.

If, as Labour insists, the local polls are a yardstick for party prospects in the next Knesset race, then it is the Likud that has the right to be encouraged by last Tuesday's vote. As Deputy Prime Minister David Levy stressed, "the Likud entered the elections under adverse conditions, while Labour put its well-oiled election machine into high gear to get the protest vote out, but still the public did not punish the Likud by voting Labour."

Moreover, the Likud did not realize its full electoral potential because of the low voter turnout, as the Likud's traditional blue-collar supporters were the least interested in the dull municipal campaigns and did not bother to vote. "If we regard these elections as indicative of any national trend, then the Likud not only maintained its strength, but is likely to gain in the Knesset elections," Levy concluded.

HIS ARGUMENTS make sense if Labour's logic — that the October

25 elections were more than local contests — is accepted. Labour indeed admits that it made no dramatic gains in mayoral bids, but argues that it won a few more city council seats around the country than the Likud and lost a few less than the rival party.

But, as election experts note, there is no clear pattern to these wins and losses. The only fair conclusion is that in the city council races, too, the personality of the mayoral candidate played a crucial role. In those cities where a party was lucky enough to have a charismatic, powerful mayoral candidate, he helped his party's council list, and where the party made the wrong choice and nominated a weak candidate, he pulled his party's council list down with him.

This is the only way to explain the decline in Labour's representation on the Tel Aviv city council, while in Jerusalem Teddy Kollek's council list (formally independent and not a Labour ticket) did so well. There can hardly be general, nation-wide trends if either the Likud or Labour can do so well in one city and so poorly in another.

It is because local conditions are such a paramount consideration in municipal elections, that they cannot be treated as signalling anything about future Knesset races.

Equally invalid is the attempt by some Labour spokesmen to compare Tuesday's returns not with the 1978 local election results, but with the 1981 Knesset voting patterns for each city. Such comparisons are bound to artificially create the impression of a boost in Labour's fortunes. But the fact is that in many places with solid Likud Knesset majorities, voters are not averse to preferring a Labour can-

didate for local office, if his political personality is more attractive.

Since 1977 there has been greater support for the Likud in Knesset races than in the local campaigns. Thus when the 1981 local results are compared to the 1981 Knesset vote in any given city, it appears that overall Likud support has dropped, regardless of the fact that different election battles were waged and that there is a lower turnout record of Likud voters in municipal races.

In 1983 local election results were similar to those of 1978. After the latter, eager Labourites compared the results to those of the 1977 Knesset elections and concluded that the Likud was losing ground. But the 1981 Knesset elections proved otherwise.

Labour may be deluding itself as much now as it did then. If it does achieve a turnaround in the next Knesset elections, it will have nothing to do with the election of a Labour mayor in Rishon LeZion.

It is counterproductive for Labour to pep itself up with questionable comparisons and numbers games. If not for Labour's attempt to make the local elections something they are not — a gauge of the national political mood — the Likud would not have been handed the one achievement of the campaign. Because of the expectations Labour actively and loudly fostered, the one thing that these municipal contests ended up showing in no uncertain terms was that the Likud did not suffer a crushing defeat.

With its own hands Labour created and continues to embellish the backdrop against which the Likud could emerge ostensibly unscathed from the recent economic and political traumas and even appear resilient, if not actually triumphant.

the Knesset table on October 17, the day before Cohen-Orgad took the oath of office.

But Milo & Co. ensured the bill's demise when they refused to take the essential step of requesting the government to permit the bill to come up immediately. If Cohen-Orgad fought Milo on that question in some secret party forum, he lost.

BUT SHAHAL is no angel, either. If the Alignment had not been so greedy for state funds to finance all that junk mail we've been finding in our letter boxes and all those full-page ads in the newspapers, there might have been no election holiday to cancel.

Let it not be forgotten that on July 27, the last day of the Knesset's summer term, the Knesset passed an Alignment bill declaring that election day would not be a holiday. Over the Likud's opposition. But when the Likud countered by threatening to block the passage of a political parties financing law for the municipal election campaign if election day were not a holiday, the Alignment caved in immediately.

In little more than an hour it made a deal with the Likud, whereby both blocs would support a party financing bill that would also declare election day a holiday. And when, on the bill's first reading, a few Alignment dissidents dared to object to the deal, they were tongue-lashed from the Knesset rostrum by Shimon Peres.

Only weeks later, after the advance payment of 60 per cent of their state financing was safely in the bank, did the Alignment begin making new noises about abolishing the work holiday.

In making that deal with the Likud, the Alignment chiefs, too, were putting their party's interests above those of the country. Unlike

the state financing for Knesset election campaigns, which is provided for in a permanent law, state funding of municipal elections requires a special, one-time law.

Such a law was passed for the first time for the 1978 local elections, but that need not have served as a precedent. No other country in the world provides state financing for local elections.

To be sure, the state financing will cost the taxpayer less than what the economy lost as a result of Tuesday's holiday. Shahal's figure of IS3 billion for lost production on the election holiday is not the highest: some estimates are as high as IS5b.

The total cost of the party financing law cannot be computed yet. The figure of IS520 million that has been published is only the beginning. The Knesset Finance Committee may yet decide to exercise the right granted to it in the law to allocate an additional IS150,000 per local authority, which could add another IS20m. to the bill. And every candidate in the mayoralty run-offs to be held on November 8 will receive additional state funding, equal to his original allocation.

Let us say, then, that the total bill for state financing will come to only IS700m. Is that hay? If the Alignment is so concerned about the waste of between IS3b. and IS5b., what right did it have to insist on a IS700m. party financing bill?

Shahal, speaking of Milo's verbal acrobatics in first insisting on an election holiday, then relenting, then reneging on his reluctant, described his "half-holiday" proposal as "a further contribution to political hypocrisy, Milo-style."

But isn't there something, somewhere, about who is entitled to throw the first stone?

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## Calculations in Damascus

By DAVID BERNSTEIN

THE ISRAELI leadership and news media have concluded, with barely a dissenting voice, that Syria was in some way behind this week's bomb attacks in Beirut.

It has been pointed out, quite correctly, that there has been a dramatic escalation in the Washington-Damascus war of rhetoric in recent weeks.

Washington has reaffirmed its determination that the Syrians should not be allowed to impede progress towards peace in Lebanon, while Damascus has been no less forthright in asserting that it will meet any U.S. military attempt to influence political events in that country.

It has also been argued that Syria is implacably opposed to the presence of the U.S. Marines in Beirut, viewing them as a shield to President Amin Jemayel's regime.

Finally, it has been suggested that Moscow, Syria's superpower sponsor, is becoming increasingly concerned about America's growing military involvement in the Middle East, and would not have been averse to using their Syrian protégés to undermine the U.S. position in Lebanon.

ISRAEL HAS an understandable predisposition to view the Syrians as the source of all evil in Lebanon. After all, according to a widely accepted perception here, it was only Damascus's perverse obstructionist policy that prevented a peace treaty from evolving between Israel and Lebanon.

Such a perception can, however, be dangerously misleading, for it precludes any possibility of assessing Syria's policy and intentions in Lebanon on their merits, rather than in terms that fit into Israel's particular interpretation of events in that country over the past 18 months.

A GOOD case can, in fact, be made for dissociating Syria from the latest Lebanese tragedy.

Syria's official disclaimer can be taken with a grain of salt, as can the crocodile tears shed by its ambassador to Washington.

But what cannot be ignored is that Syria, prior to last weekend's bombings, was in an extremely strong political position in Lebanon, and that this position could only have been undermined by the bombings if these are, in fact, traced back to Damascus.

It had managed to bring Jemayel's administration to its knees after three weeks of bitter fighting in the Shouf mountains, forcing him to agree to a national reconciliation conference under conditions designed to secure a significant political victory for Damascus's protégés in Lebanon.

That, for Syria, has been a major achievement. For it is by no means self-evident that Syria wishes to secure the fall of Jemayel and his government in Beirut, as is commonly perceived here.

In fact, on President Hafez Assad's record in Lebanon, it is considerably more likely that he would prefer to see Jemayel remain in nominal control — but emasculated



Hafez Assad (Afp)

and totally subservient to Damascus's will, just as his predecessor, Elias Sarkis, was before him.

An operation like the one at the U.S. and French bases in Lebanon last weekend could not be calculated to further that end, which was well within Syria's grasp.

On the contrary. A sudden withdrawal of the Marines from Beirut, and with it the sudden removal of U.S. backing for Jemayel, might have been expected to precipitate a period of political chaos in Lebanon that could seriously compromise the very strong political hand Assad was holding.

Furthermore, despite the escalation in rhetoric during the past couple of weeks, Damascus had good reason to believe that Washington was growing increasingly open to the idea that it would have eventually to deal with Syria — even if this meant a weakening, or even cessation, of its support for last May's Israeli-Lebanese withdrawal agreement.

A DEVASTATING attack on U.S. soldiers serving in Beirut could hardly have been designed to further either of these two political ends.

And it cannot be emphasized strongly enough that Hafez Assad, while he may be one of the most ruthless and bloodthirsty Arab leaders on the Middle Eastern stage today, is also one of the shrewdest and most cautious.

It is precisely this combination of ruthlessness and caution that has enabled Assad to survive for almost a decade and a half in a country where his predecessors were lucky to last a year and a half.

And it would be extremely surprising were a man of Assad's character and experience to have backed an act so potentially counterproductive to his own cause as last weekend's atrocity — however much his record has shown that he is more than capable of such an act, were he to perceive that this would further his purposes.

Meanwhile, much of the evidence coming out of Beirut, supported by intelligence assessments in Washington, are pointing increasingly to Teheran as the likely source of inspiration for the attacks. The fanatical Ayatollah Khomeini is a man no less ruthless than Assad at his worst — and he is considerably less amenable to the persuasive power of reason.

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## The politics of holidays

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

Furthermore, said Cohen-Orgad, if a school holiday was declared while factories and shops were open as usual, many working mothers would have to stay home.

But if some mothers had stayed home, the economy would surely have suffered less than it did from the failure of most of the labour force, to go to work with some praiseworthy exceptions.

While listening to the new finance minister, what really struck me was that he was looking for arguments that would justify — on objective technical and economic grounds, based partly on talks with Hammer and Elections Commissioner Meir Shalom — a position taken by Milo and other Likud colleagues for strictly political reasons.

Beyond that was the surrealistic aura of the whole discussion, only hours before the polls were due to open, on whether the holiday should be cancelled, or perhaps half-cancelled, and whether the opening of the polls should be postponed to 1 p.m.

As if the managers of factories, businesses, government offices, hospitals and other institutions would be able, on a few hours' notice, to revise their special holiday arrangements. How many workers would have ignored the

Knesset ruling and gone ahead with their planned excursions?

IT IS DIFFICULT not to agree with Alignment faction chief Moshe Shahal, that Milo knew full well that it was too late to cancel the holiday, and was only going through the motions of proposing his compromise in order to rid the Likud of the blame for having allowed a few billion shekels in unrealized production to go down the drain.

Cohen-Orgad said that if the Knesset failed to agree on some formula — he was apparently referring not only to the election day holiday but to the broader goal of lowering the standard of living — "then this House will be unable, no matter what the composition of the government, to come to the people with any demands at all."

Precisely. But where was Cohen-Orgad last week, the week in which he was appointed minister of finance? Although the fate of the bank shares was then taking much of his time, the election day holiday could not have slipped his mind.

A private members' bill calling for cancellation of the holiday, submitted by Yehuda Hashai (Alignment), Yehuda Ben-Meir (National Religious Party) and, yes, Yigal Cohen-Orgad (Likud) was laid on

## All you need is truth

By PINCHAS LANDAU

billions of non-existent public money were pledged to redeem the inflated bank shares from their hapless holders.

How the commitment is to be made good, no one has said — because no one knows. The unlamented ex-finance minister struggled mightily to chop \$1 billion off

government spending; the new incumbent promises to slash \$2 billion. Meanwhile, three, four or five billions are added onto government indebtedness through the back door.

LIKE NEVILLE Chamberlain, who returned from Munich, waved his agreement to the crowd and went to his office to start planning the greatest rearmament programme ever undertaken in peacetime, Yigal Cohen-Orgad is proceeding from the bank bailout to the preparation of the biggest economic retrenchment programme ever to be visited on this country. It is instructive, therefore, to recall the words of Winston Churchill in his memorable attack on the Munich sellout:

"I do not grudge our loyal people...who never flinched under the strain of last week, the natural outburst of relief...but they should know the truth. They should know that there has been gross neglect and deficiency...that we have sustained a defeat without a war...and do not suppose this is the end. This is only the beginning of the reckoning. This is only the first sip, the first foretaste of a bitter cup which will be proffered to us."

The people should know the truth: that is the nub of the issue. If the powers that be — including the government ministers, bank directors, professors and stockbrokers who are singing the praises of the "mature" public — really believed

we were mature, they wouldn't set out to appease and tranquilize us. They would tell us the truth. The only way the government can win trust and support from the people is by showing its trust in the people.

The claim that the truth would cause panic will not wash, for two reasons. Firstly, the key factor is how you present the facts, and secondly, — as the first stages of the ongoing economic disaster have shown — the truth will out anyway, and if you don't prepare the people for it, the panic will be all the worse.

WHAT ARE the *loshim* that we are being fed, and what is the truth?

The banks and their shares: The multi-billion-dollar rescue deal is presented as being for the benefit of the "small saver." This is the equivalent of subsidizing milk for the entire population, so that the budget of the poorer and/or larger families is not strained. It is inherently nonsensical.

Why not tell the truth: the rescue deal is necessary in order to maintain the confidence of depositors, particularly foreigners, and to prevent too large a part of the banks' own capital — which is too small in any case — from being wiped out as a result of losses sustained in their vain attempt to shore up their share prices.

Telling the truth would also save us the embarrassment of having the bank bosses lie to the newspapers that no deposits were withdrawn and that the banking system is firm. Do they think we're that thick? If everything is fine, why did the banks force the stock market to close for two weeks? Why did they allow the government to nationalize them in all but name?

Telling the truth, that the banking system had to be supported for reasons of overriding national interest; that the taxpayers' money is legitimately employed for the greater good of the economy; that the money will ultimately have to be taken from within the existing

framework, at the price of alternative expenditures — this would have impressed upon us the gravity of the situation and the sense that we are all in the same boat.

Unemployment: The new economic programme is being designed to transfer resources from services to industry and from imports to exports. It will be imposed against the background of a steadily tightening credit squeeze and reduced disposable income which are already bringing about closures, bankruptcies and redundancies.

What all the economists' code words mean is brutally simple: a period of large-scale unemployment (at least by Israeli standards) is inevitable until the economy succeeds in creating new sources of employment for those put out of work.

Since it is inevitable, why not warn people? At least it would provide a form of psychological shock-absorption. It would also make clear to everyone what the argument with the Histadrut is all about: either maintain real wages and cause more jobs to be lost, or cut real wages and save some jobs.

Inflation: Here, more than anywhere, the failure to come clean is going to return to haunt the policy formulators. The recent measures, we have been told, will push the rate of inflation to around 180 per cent. Yet the experts have already estimated that the indexes for this quarter will be unprecedentedly high — probably 16, 13 and 12 per cent — before allowing for any further subsidy cuts (which we have been promised in due course). This rate comes out to 47 per cent for this quarter; if the dose is repeated next quarter (by another round of massive cuts) we will have 116 per cent inflation in half a year.

I regret to say that this rate of 47 per cent per quarter compounds to 467 per cent annually. Put another way, it means that \$1-1965 on October 1, 1983 would give way to \$1-15303 a year later. We have entered a period of bona-fide

hyperinflation. The statistics will confirm it, but our supermarket bills will scream the truth even louder than the Central Bureau of Statistics.

WHY CAN'T the finance minister say: "Yes, we are going into a period of several months of frighteningly high inflation — but we believe that after we have achieved our aim of eliminating the subsidy distortion, the rate will fall very sharply, hopefully to less than 50 per cent, if our overall programme is adopted and succeeds."

Say it now and create credibility — not in three months' time, when all trust has been lost.

In the few days that the Shamir/Cohen-Orgad team have been in harness, they have, by default, let the initiative start slipping away.

All they need to do is tell the truth. Not necessarily the whole truth, but enough to show that they really do regard the people as mature and responsible.

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# Balancing the accounts

The Jerusalem Post's Macabee Dean finds a silver lining to the recent economic cloudburst.

THE TWO BILLION DOLLARS which vanished into thin air during the recent bank-share debacle might constitute a severe financial blow for thousands of investors. But it may also turn out to be a blessing for the economy as a whole.

For the very shock may well restore some sort of sanity into the money and capital markets. In the future, more and more persons may begin to realize that the generally accepted laws of economics do continue to function even in Israel, the Land of Miracles. And that gross distortions, man-made or organization-made, tend to correct themselves.

That is what happened this month. Before October 6, when the banks decided they could no longer regulate the price of their shares, there were two great distortions in the system. Bank shares were priced out of all proportion to their real value, and the shekel was also grossly overvalued. The "smart money" began to sell bank shares and to buy foreign currency in the expectation of an inevitable major devaluation.

Pressures began to build up, and then the dam burst. Former Finance Minister Yoram Aridor moved in swiftly to save the banks. His successor, Yigael Cohen-Orgad, finalized the agreement. Between the two of them, the price of bank shares sunk to their more or less real value and the shekel was devalued against foreign currencies. Thus, the price of the dollar (or shekel) and the price of the shares were more or less in line with each other.

IF BLAME is to be placed, there are many culprits. First there was Aridor's policy of trying to fight inflation not by cutting the national budget and by belt-tightening, but by his cheap-dollar policy. Second, the banks should be blamed for pushing the price of their shares out of all proportion to their true value. Third, and most important, come the people of Israel, who lost all sense of balance, and began to live — and thought they could live forever — in a never-never land where dollars would always be cheap and that bank shares would always provide an income above their real value.

It seemed to be a fool-proof system — until it all blew up. And the few lone voices crying warnings went unheeded.

Nobody paid much attention when Dan Baily, a certified public accountant, noted that a "financial 1984" was possible. Nor did anyone heed figures published by Euroteam, both in 1982 and in 1983,

showing that the capitalization of each of Israel's two largest banks was the same as that of the vastly larger Chase Manhattan, or National Westminster.

TODAY, sanity has returned to the system in Israel. The bank shares are now somewhere close to their real value, and so is the dollar.

Devaluation of the shekel helped adjust the price of the dollar. But the significance of what happened to the bank shares is deeper than this. Some industrial companies have for years placed an outrageous price on themselves.

For example, a small company valued at \$1 million in the U.S. would be valued at twice and even three times that much in Israel — if this company's shares were compared to the bank shares. The fall in the value of the bank shares also helped bring the value of the Israeli companies more or less in line with their true value. Companies of identical size in Israel and in the U.S. with the same growth and other potentials, may not still be worth the same price. But they are rapidly approaching each other. (The implication here is that some "free" shares on the stock market will probably fall, as did the bank shares.)

Moreover, many companies which did not play the false valuation game — and which consequently got lost as good investment prospects — can now begin to think about raising money on the Stock Exchange. They are certainly more attractive now, with the more or less reasonable connection between their price, their value, and their profitability.

First International, the fifth largest bank in Israel, should also become more attractive. It refused to regulate the price of its shares, allowing the laws of supply and demand to do this. That policy eventually hurt it; its shares fell heavily since the beginning of the year. Had First International followed the other banks' example, its shares would have commanded a higher price than they do today.

(But First International still has two advantages over its competitors: It can be much more in-



dependent than its competitors. The government, even if it has not semi-nationalized the banks partners to the "bank agreement," will certainly keep a closer eye on them. What's more, First International now has a better reputation than the other banks, which are partner to the agreement.)

NOW THAT the Stock Market has been almost thoroughly "shaken out" of its delusions and illusions, and prices of most shares are beginning to assume more or less reasonable levels, it is interesting to see if the *bourse* will begin to attract new investors (and of course, speculators, who are a vital part of any money market).

It probably will. The human memory is short, as witness the mild resurgence of the market after January's collapse. There are always people who think they can beat the game, and the Stock Market is the only casino in Israel.

There are also a lot of attractive buys on the market (even if we

make the usual proviso for "long-term, thoughtful investors, who look at the long-range goal, and not at the short-term").

The bank stocks (or rather bonds) are now particularly interesting, paying more than nine per cent interest in dollar terms. This is more than any other comparative "safe" financial instrument, including Patum (foreign currency accounts) and index-linked bonds. Nevertheless, the erosion of the American dollar must be taken into account when comparing dollar-linked investments with those of the index.

THE CRUCIAL question, of course, is how the government can pick up the tab (in four or six years, if the bonds are turned into savings schemes, or in five years if they are allowed to remain "bonds.")

The total cost of the operation is estimated at \$6 billion — about three times all American aid in any one year.

The only way the government can

avoid paying the six billion (the figure is really less, as the bank shares do have a real value of several billion dollars) is if the banks begin to make enormous profits. Then the real value of their shares will go up, perhaps even above that of the government guarantee.

The solution most widely offered is for the banks to become more "efficient, cutting manpower, trimming corners, reducing wastage of time, etc." This, of course, is a fallacy.

The banks today are among the most efficient organizations, if not the most efficient in the country today. (Compare their services with those of the mail, telephones, public transportation, etc.)

"Efficiency" here means raising bank fees for services, increasing the "gap" between the interest rates paid depositors and those charged borrowers, and so on. It is therefore clear that — one way or another — the public will have to pay for the bank share debacle. That payment may be direct through higher bank

fees or it may be indirect, if the government has to pick up the tab, which inevitably would be financed by higher taxes.

(Another possibility exists. The government might be able to "roll over" the for-or-six year savings schemes by offering better terms; and it may also not redeem most of the bank bonds at the end of five years, offering such attractive conditions that many investors will decide to hold on to them for years. Perhaps our grandchildren will be eventually stuck with the bill.)

ANOTHER FACTOR should also be considered. The debacle was caused by the banks regulating their shares: now the government has moved in to do this. No one yet knows if the regulation will be for a short time, to stop a wave of panic selling which could have far-reaching effects. Or if the government's support will gradually ease off, allowing the forces of supply and demand to take over.

For there are differences, perhaps not vast, between the real values of these different bank shares (as long as they remain shares and not bonds), and these differences should be allowed to emerge. It seems a bit strange that the government stabilized all prices at 17 per cent lower than their October 6 price. (Paradoxically, those banks which forced their share prices up the highest benefit the most from this arrangement; those who were not such hogs benefit the least.)

Moreover, why should the poor investor and the rich investor benefit equally? Why shouldn't a person with only \$10,000 invested in bank shares get a higher support price, than an investor with \$1 million?

Undoubtedly, some regulation is needed during times of mass financial hysteria. But all regulation should be confined to handling such situations, and no more. And the problem of regulation is much more important for small companies, where one large shareholder's sell-off can cause the price of all his company's shares to plummet.

ANOTHER MATTER that should be considered is the role of the

banks as investment advisors. There is certainly a conflict of interests here. The only way to solve this problem is the emergence of a much greater number of private stock brokers, who will gradually assume much of the role the banks play today. At present, these private brokers' activities are greatly overshadowed by the activities of the banks.

NOW THAT bank shares have stopped being the public favorites, what can possibly replace them in the confines of the stock market? Perhaps the most logical thing is the large holding companies. They are really huge, and they can offset the loss of one of their companies by the profits of another, and this makes them just as stable as the banks. (It must be stressed again that the bank shares ran into trouble, not the banks themselves.)

And if the large holding companies run into difficulties, the government will also undoubtedly bail them out, or at least help them over the bad times.

And finally, how safe are the Patum, which in reality are shekel accounts linked to a foreign currency, and the government index-linked bonds? These are still considered as safe and as holy as the bank shares.

By definition, the Patum and government index-linked bonds are "just as safe as the State." The government can always tax the people to pay them off, or as a last resort print money to redeem them. Of course, the money may not be worth very much, so perhaps the investors will diversify his investments as much as possible.

As one investment counsellor — who managed to get out of bank shares and into Patum in time — recently said: for the small investor, the best investment is a home, a working spouse, a second vacation or profession, some money stashed away (legally) abroad, and only then such intangibles as shares and bonds.

But on a national scale, something else must be asked: What if faith does not return to the Stock Market?

What if companies, especially industrialists, cannot raise capital to expand their plants, to increase their exports? Where will they go for money? Will we return to the 1970's when the government furnished the money? And if so, won't the Likud government start returning to the tightly controlled economy it lambasted for so many years?

## THE NRP'S SPLIT PERSONALITY

By MARK SEGAL / Post Political Correspondent

profited from the factional split in Herzliya, where each list won one seat, giving the NRP two councillors where they previously had one.

The NRP also found some bright signs in the total vote in some localities, when comparing it to the number of ballots cast for it in the 1981 Knesset vote. In Givatayim, 1600 persons voted for the NRP on Tuesday, while only 600 backed the party in '81. In Eilat, there were 134 votes for the city council where there had been only 30 for the Knesset. And in Ramat Gan, the 6,000-vote total represented a 40 per cent increase, with Lamifne winning two seats and the Youth Circles one.

Lamifne headquarters had additional reasons to rejoice, over the victory of NRP council chairman in Gadera and Ofakim, and the return of two councillors in Holon, Israel's fourth largest city.

These were perhaps some of the reasons for a kind of optimism at the Castel, where one senior party official said that a similar showing would mean eight — and not six — seats in the Knesset. Another, more cautious, politician spoke of "an opening to improved prospects in the future." But he added: "That depends on our being united and working hard." However, all were willing to concede that the struggle to regain all the 11-to-12 seats that were traditionally the NRP share of the Knesset electoral pie would be exceedingly difficult in the new political situation.

BUT IF there were some satisfactory results, there were also some disasters, particularly in Jerusalem, where the party lost fully two-thirds of its city council strength. Party sources on Wednesday were willing to concede that they had seriously misjudged the drawing power of Prof. Haim Gevaryahu, who had been summoned from academe to stand as their leading candidate. A preliminary analysis of voting patterns in the capital, they said, showed that a goodly proportion of their potential and traditional religious voters preferred to cast their ballots for the formidable Teddy Kolek, and followed up by voting for Kolek's One Jerusalem list as well.

One reason for the swing away from the NRP, the sources said, was the cooption onto Teddy's list of such distinguished religious personalities as Prof. Ephraim Urbach in the honorary No.60 slot, and Prof. David Maier, the director of the Sha'are Zedek hospital.

But party politicians point out that the NRP was not the only loser in Jerusalem. All the established religious lists declined, while only the new Sephardi Torah Guardians were in the ascendancy. Both Menachem Porush's Agudat Yisrael faction and the Tudir-Matzad list, aligned with Druckman, also suffered when the votes were counted, the NRP emphasized.



Yosef Burg (Rubinger)

One of the prime Jerusalem victims, I was told, was David Glass, the former MK who heretofore had much clout in the party's local branch. Party sources blame Glass and his patron, former minister Yitzhak Raphael, for much of the debacle. And the defeat, they say, may delay Raphael's plans to return to the party's front rank from his current sanctuary at Mossad Rav Kuk.

THERE ARE party activists who see a silver lining in the election

results and cite the total collapse of Rabbi Druckman's pretensions to broad support for his neo-Tehiya appeal. There are also those who took heart in the poor nationwide showing of Tami, despite the large-scale financial support from overseas donors. The only places where Tami showed it retained some support were in Ramle, Ashdod and Ashkelon — the residual fiefdom of the Abuhazzeira clan.

Yet there are fears in the NRP that the conflicting interpretations of the results may not penetrate the consciousness of the various factional leaders, too intent on party intrigue to care about the movement's fate. Thus Lamifne strongman Rafael Ben-Natan spoke of his faction's primacy having been upheld, while Yehuda Ben-Meir claimed considerable successes for the Youth Circles.

PART OF THE party's problem centres on Burg. In a recent interview, the septuagenarian party leader was asked how he envisaged Israel in the year 2000. Burg demurred, saying: "It is hardly for me to say." At which point the minister's attending spokesman, Yitzhak Agassi, chimed in with "but Dr.

Burg, you'll only be 91 then."

Burg has been a member of every one of Israel's 10 Knessets, and a member of the cabinet since 1951.

And while Burg holds on at the top, with little regard for the NRP's future in the post-Burg era, the fortunes of his would-be successor, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, seem to have declined. Many NRP politicians have recently expressed private doubts about Hammer's capacity to take up the mantle of leadership of the Religious Zionist movement. Hammer, they say, had recently displayed a capacity for trimming his sails to the political winds. And while this may have short-term advantages for the head of the Youth Circles, it is sure to hurt him in the long run.

One case in point is Hammer's shift from support of the war in Lebanon to a more critical position. That may have made him more popular with the secular Israeli left, but it did not enhance his standing with the party's traditional supporters.

Others say that Hammer appears to lack the toughness needed for a party leader in Israel. To make their point, they remind me that Hammer

left tough work in the municipal campaign to his Youth Circles colleague, Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir.

SOME NRP figures are still optimistic that the party will be able to pull itself together again. Moshe Ishon, the editor of *Hatzofe*, who does not belong to any faction, hopes that Druckman and Yosef Shapira can be brought back from Matzad, and that supporters who defected to Tehiya will also return. Ishon and others who think like him feel that the party must prepare for the post-Burg era by building the right kind of leadership, be it individual or collective.

Meanwhile, the World Mizrahi Centre, under Moshe Kroner's chairmanship, is about to convene a "peace-making forum" to seek to restore unity to the riven NRP. Such a forum would definitely include two prominent Mizrahi leaders: American Mizrahi chairman Rabbi Louis Bernstein, and Canadian Mizrahi President Kurt Rothschild. Their aim will be to get not only the warring Lamifne and Youth Circles factions to sit down together, but to bring back former party activists who are today prominent in Tami, Matzad and Tehiya. On their efforts hangs the fate of the NRP and the World Mizrahi movement.

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# MKs will present bill on electoral reform

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Alignment MK Gad Ya'acobi next week will present for the sixth time a private member's bill, co-sponsored by a large number of other MKs, altering the electoral system of the Knesset to a mixed constituency and proportional system. At present the Knesset is elected by proportional representation only.

Ya'acobi said in a radio interview last night that this week's election of mayors by direct vote had shown the importance of putting the best man into the top elected positions in a direct vote.

He said the quality of the Knesset membership would deteriorate unless Knesset members are also elected by direct vote.

Ya'acobi said he had a promise of support for the reform from the Shinui faction and the Citizens Rights Movement.

The two-man Shinui Knesset faction earlier this week agreed to a request from the largest opposition faction, the Alignment, not to present its private member's bill to dissolve the Knesset and hold new elections, just yet.

Shinui proposed its dissolution bill well before the long summer recess and therefore has the right to present it any time after the opening of the winter session on October 17.

The Alignment reasoning, accepted by Shinui, is that there is no majority in the Knesset for such a

dissolution bill now. A private bill which fails cannot be moved again by any faction for six months.

Even if such a majority existed, it is doubtful whether the Alignment itself would be happy to contest an election for the time being.

The Alignment plans to present its own private member's bill for the dissolution of the Knesset and elections next week. But this does not run counter to the Alignment's present mood of uncertainty, since Knesset rules require that private members' bills must wait two months after being proposed before presentation for a preliminary first reading, unless the government approves the reduction of the two-month period. At the beginning of January, once the two months have elapsed, the Alignment thinks it will have a clearer idea of its election prospects. The problem then will be how to build a majority for early elections.

No one in the 64-strong coalition is calling for early elections at this juncture, so if a dissolution bill were presented now, it would fail.

Should a majority shape up later, Shinui and the Alignment would each like its own dissolution bill to set the chain reaction in motion.

Moreover, if Shinui sees that the Alignment is dawdling because it fears elections, Shinui may not agree to wait with its own bill for the Alignment's two-month cooling-off period. It may present the bill, knowing that it would fail, merely to put the Alignment on the spot.

## Lapid against TV ban on election candidates

Broadcasting Authority director-general Yosef Lapid has asked Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir to work for changes in the elections law which prevents Israel TV and radio broadcasting the faces and voices of candidates for weeks before elections.

Lapid said that the law put TV in

an untenable position. Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres, Lapid pointed out, was the last candidate on the Labour municipal council list in Tel Aviv, as an honorary measure. But Peres could legally have been banned from the screen during vital Knesset votes in recent weeks under the law, he said.

## 5 injured, curfews imposed as unrest hits West Bank camps

By DAVID RICHARDSON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two West Bank refugee camps were under sporadic and partial curfews yesterday and at least five Israelis were slightly injured in a sudden spurt of unrest mainly involving residents of the major refugee camps in the area.

Nine members of the Bethlehem University student council were detained by police in connection with a recent exhibition of Palestinian folklore. Military sources alleged at the time that material likely

to incite viewers was being distributed at the exhibition and that the Palestinian flag was raised.

One student was released and informed that she will have to face proceedings before a military court in two weeks. Her eight colleagues on the council are to be detained for 18 days.

The Jalazon refugee camp north of Ramallah was placed under curfew on Wednesday night after local youths stoned an Israeli bus, slightly injuring an Israeli woman passenger in the face. The curfew was still in force last night and

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didn't help, and so I got tired of waiting and gave up."

Her children are aged eight, 17 and almost 18, with the oldest about to go into the army. When she turns 18, the NII will stop paying the allowance for the eldest child, reducing the payment to IS2,444 a month.

NII figures for 1981 state that there are over 17,000 families with one to three children living below the poverty line. That compares with 8,700 poor families who have four or more children. Thus two-thirds of all poor families with children failed to qualify for the special compensation this month.

Miriam had vaguely heard about the compensation, and did not understand why she and her children were left out.

Among families with four children, according to NII figures, 16 per cent are below the poverty line — that is, in the lowest income bracket. Another 50 per cent are in the lower income brackets. But 24 per cent of all families with four children are in the middle income brackets, and 10 per cent are in the highest levels.

Among families with five or more children, though, the vast majority are in the lowest income groups.

Former labour and social affairs minister Israel Katz said in an interview that focusing compensation for price rises on large families "obscures a real problem of poverty among smaller families. The mistaken conception that has been created lately, identifying only large families as truly needy, can have dangerous consequences."

Katz said some method must be

devised to reach the needy among smaller families who do not receive other welfare benefits, but could not come up with a concrete solution.

NII director Danny Azriel agreed that there should be a way to compensate poor small families, but said that the technical and administrative means at the disposal of the NII does not enable payments to be made selectively to this group.

Miriam is among the fortunate few who have found aid from private welfare funds, after falling between the stools of the branches of the NII. For several years now two of her children have received clothes, shoes and grants to help them with their school expenses from the Children's Memorial Fund.

The fund was started in 1978 by a retired Jerusalem teacher, Aliza Shimoni, in memory of the children killed in the coastal-road terror attack. The fund, which is supported by private donations and gifts in kind from businesses, now helps 180 children from poor families.

After the recent jump in prices, the frail 32-year-old Shimoni sent out an urgent request to the fund's sponsors for cash grants to the families in her care, which would enable them to put food on the table. Some IS30,000 has been distributed for this purpose in the last several weeks, including several thousand shekels for Miriam and her family.

"We weren't among the ones you saw standing in line at the supermarket loaded down with food. We have no money for that," Miriam said.

## TA tax official charged with corruption

TEL AVIV. (Itim). — A magistrate's court judge here yesterday ordered Gershon Aviad, 50, chief aide to the director of the Tel Aviv branch of the Treasury, released on bail of IS200,000 after Aviad was charged with taking bribes.

A police representative told the

court earlier that Aviad had demanded a bribe from the owner of a Tel Aviv massage parlour in return for halting a tax investigation into the business. The police said Aviad was arrested as he was leaving the parlour with IS2,000 given to him as a bribe.

## Context

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# AN URGENT NEED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HANUKKA is just over a month away, but contributions to The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund have not yet picked up sufficiently to enable us to do the right thing by children in government institutions and in foster care.

So many of these institutions, which have a long-term association with The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund, have already put in their requests for toys and games, and there simply isn't enough money to cover even half of what is needed.

In this period of economic uncertainty, it is understandable that people are not as spontaneous in their giving as they were in the past, but if more people give just a little, the end result will be a lot.

The Toy Fund currently stands at IS85,239; IS2,601.75; DF170; IS80; SF200; SW.KR. 180. New contributions of IS47,061; 762.75; DF30; IS20 and SW. KR.180 are detailed below.

Readers are responding in a gratifying manner to the needs of the elderly. Forsake Me Not funds have increased by IS82,705; IS2,570; IS20 and DM25. Interim totals are IS165,094; IS3,878.25; DM100; DF300; IS125; SW.KR.300; SF10; FMI1,000; Can. \$46 and Gk.Dr.800. Forsake Me Not donors are also listed below.

IS10,000 H.B. Mitchell, Rehovot.

IS8,000 Tel Aviv bridge players Mrs. B. Hammer, Mrs. C. Paz, Mrs. G. Elson, Mrs. S. Capelluto, Mrs. D. Lindenbluth and Mrs. E. Berman.

IS5,000 Mr. A. Reuven, Haifa.

IS3,500 Anonymous, Jerusalem.

IS3,000 Mr. and Mrs. Penzik, Ramat Hasharon.

IS2,000 Mrs. E. Loebenstein, Ramat Hasharon.

IS1,000 Mrs. H. Hershkovitz, Ramat Hasharon.

IS1,000 Anonymous, Jerusalem. In honour of Lena Benning — Ans and Meir Dukker, Jerusalem. To honour the staff of Alyn Hospital and in gratitude for Orly's recovery — her grandmother Bush Gabor, Mt. Carmel, B.A., Jerusalem. XYZ, Haifa. Shai and Asaf Barzani, Kibbutz Hula. In loving memory of Oms Tula and Opa Sam — Lote and Paul Kozminski, Haifa.

IS850 L. Gerber, Ramat Gan.

IS650 In honour of Katherine Shapiro of Providence, R.I. — Ethel DeLaurie, Ramat Gan.

IS600 Morris Levinson, the Jewish Agency.

IS500 In loving memory of Gertrud B. — B.B. Beresheba, Gladys B. Weinberg, Jerusalem.

IS315 Renée Berman, Tel Aviv.

IS250 Renate and Izakha Uria, Haifa, I.S. Anonymous, Rehovot.

IS180 Chaim, Jerusalem. For a rapid return to Katy Turnheim — Harold and Miriam Berman, Jerusalem.

IS30 Anonymous, Jerusalem.

IS215 Contributed by Sophie Tobias, Philadelphia, Pa. and friends (IS30: Mrs. Michael J. Wynn, Pa. in memory of her husband; Mrs. Louis Tobias, Philadelphia, Pa. in memory of her husband; IS25: Mrs. Fred Marcus, Wyncote, Pa. in memory of her husband; IS20: Mr. Julius Well, New York, in memory of his wife; Mrs. Caroline Blumenthal, Florida, in memory of her husband; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. J. and in memory of their father and grandfather Michael J. J. and in memory of their parents Ernst and Gertrud Roschick).

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medical facilities housed here in Israel for the use of American forces in the area.

The U.S. it is understood, has sought Israel's analysis of the Beirut bombings and any intelligence information that Israel might have on those responsible. Washington has been keenly interested in Israeli statements accusing Syria of masterminding the outrage.

But the U.S. has not yet reached a definite conclusion on who to blame for the attacks.

If Washington does decide on some retribution, it will apparently not be carried out by the Beirut marines themselves. The clear implication of the Multinational Force foreign ministers' meeting in Paris yesterday was that the force will stand fast — but will not seek to extend the area under its control or to initiate engagements with any of the various fighting groups in the greater Beirut area.

Washington believes that standing firm despite Sunday's disaster is in itself a profoundly significant political act in the Lebanese context, sufficient to maintain the precarious status quo in that country while the "national reconciliation" talks go forward.

While the U.S. shares the suspi-

cions that Syria was involved in the bombings — top administration leaders have said so publicly — Washington continues to recognize Syria's legitimate strategic interests in Lebanon. The final goal remains the withdrawal of all foreign forces, Syrian and Israeli, but Washington accepts that Syria must play a key role in Lebanon's reconciliation process.

Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin assessed earlier this week that the Beirut bombings would have the eventual effect of prodding Washington to seek closer negotiations with Damascus.

Despite Sunday's bombing there has been no let-up this week in the intensive U.S. training and expansion programme for the Lebanese Army. American officers continue to be pleased with the progress made.

Washington believes that once adequate Lebanese units are ready, they will be able to take over new areas to the south of Beirut, gradually replacing the Israeli Defence Forces in the south of the country. In the long term, Washington feels, the successful strengthening of the army presents the best prospects of a peaceful settlement and the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

## Nahal may not be sent to some outposts

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

TEL AVIV. — The defence establishment will take into account the political views of Nahal soldiers and an effort will be made not to send members of Alignment-affiliated kibbutz movements to embryonic settlements in West Bank areas they feel should be left to Arabs only.

This emerged yesterday from a meeting between Defence Minister Moshe Arens and leaders of several

kibbutz movements. The leaders complained that members of their settlement nuclei were sent to outposts in densely populated Arab areas that helped implement the Likud ideology of settling all over Eretz Yisrael — although the Nahal youngsters believe those areas should be relinquished in a peace settlement.

Nahal is the branch of the army that combines military service with settlement activity.

## Terrorists strike at IDF near Zaharani

METULLA. — A two-kilogram bomb was detonated at the site of a road south of the Zaharani River in a south Lebanon last night while an Israeli Defence Force convoy was passing. There were no injuries and no damage was caused.

The bomb was detonated by remote control by terrorists, hiding in an orchard, who fled after the explosion. An IDF unit searched the

area for the perpetrators.

In a related development, an IDF investigating team yesterday concluded that Shi'ites in the village of Sarafand were lying last week when they said three residents were killed by the IDF during a confrontation between Israeli soldiers and villagers.

The team found that 15 people were hurt, one of them seriously,

## Court extends remand of arson suspect

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Magistrates Court yesterday extended for 18 days the detention of Yvonne Abulcar, 28, on suspicion of setting fire to trees in the Jerusalem Forest. Judge Ya'acov Bezael agreed to the extension for fear that Abulcar would continue burning down trees.

The police representative told the

court that Jewish National Fund foresters found Abulcar sitting near the fire wrapped in a talti on Monday. About 150 trees were destroyed in the blaze that spread over a dunam. He also told the court that Abulcar told police he intended torching the whole country because police had taken away his identity card.

## 27 Soviet Jews issue appeal for world help in emigrating



# Focus

## מבט מן הצפון



A fish-eye view of Ashdod... 'In Gaza they talk in dinars and in Tel Aviv they talk in dollars. In Ashdod, they talk in lirot.'

(NORZI)

## Polling day at port city

The Jerusalem Post's Abraham Rabinovich visits Ashdod on election day.

THIRTY YEARS ago, someone like him had kicked at the sand and said, "Here a city will rise." On Tuesday morning, Zvi Zilker — engineer turned politician — stood in the midst of the handsome city that has grown up across those dunes and listened to requests, urged or cajoling, for sewer repairs, business permits or neighbourhood clubs as he pumped hands near polling stations and urged his campaign workers on.

Ashdod's mayor was running hard for re-election and looking with some concern at his political flanks. There were a lot of flanks — six other candidates for mayor and nine other lists for the city council. No one could tell him that he had better not use up all his energy today, that in 24 hours' time he would have to gear himself up afresh for a run-off with his Alignment rival for the mayoral chair, Arye Azulai.

Menaschem Begin's strong personality had been removed from the political scene; the plummeting stock market had left a lot of people angry; the ethnic communities were emerging from the political shadows; and the political pattern in Ashdod — a Likud stronghold since 1969 — had suddenly changed from a simple prism to a kaleidoscope.

"The field is open," said Danny at the outdoor café on Rogosin Street. "No one has even torn down the Labour Party posters, and that says something."

HE WAS a *Grusini*, but you couldn't tell it from his name, his accent or his appearance — the efficient blue pin-stripe suit and matching shirt would have done justice to a London stockbroker. Ephraim Gur was running for mayor at the head of an independent list — apparently the first Georgian immigrant to contend for a mayoral post in Israel. His candidacy said something — something nice — about cultural adaptation, about youthful ambitions, about politics as a vehicle for ethnic integration.

"I don't want you to over-emphasize the Georgian aspect," he said in the front seat of the car into which he had escaped from the crush of supporters and petitioners near his headquarters in Shebanar Yav, where the Georgians are concentrated. "I have North Africans and Indians on my list as well. The Georgians see me as their candidate and I'm proud of that honour. But I see myself as a candidate of the city as a whole. I'm part of the young generation in Israel — I share its way of thinking and its hopes — and I'm at the beginning of my way."

There are about 8,000 Georgians in Ashdod, one of the largest concentrations in the country. "We were discriminated against and mocked," said Badri Nahikashvili, 25, a former judo champion who was serving as one of Gur's campaign organizers. "It happens to every new *eda* — every new community — and this time it was our turn. 'The *Grusini* aren't honest, they aren't intelligent.' But we're spiritually able to cope with

this. We're strong. We don't give up. We're united. We organized our list in one month."

Badri said he had studied computer engineering but was now in business. "In this country, you're better off in business than in a profession."

His candidate, however, has a different scale of values. True, Gur is also in business, heading his own insurance agency and an export-import enterprise. But if this achievement by a 28-year-old who only immigrated 11 years ago is regarded with admiration by the Georgian community, he himself has other ambitions for them.

"I don't want history to record this generation only as café owners and grocers. I want it to record poets as well, and scientists and doctors. I want to change norms within the *eda* — to send its children for higher education. I also think the *eda* needs political expression. After all, we're not a passive community."

ASHDOD is the largest and most vital of Israel's new development towns. Founded 26 years ago to provide Israel with a second major port, it now has a population of 75,000, four times as great as in 1968. Almost half are Moroccans. The growing ultra-Orthodox community now makes up 10 per cent of the population; some 30 to 35 per cent of which are Ashkenazim. Of the seven mayoral candidates, only one is Ashkenazi — Zilker. He has been mayor for the past 14 years and prior to that was city engineer for 10.

"Zilker is more Moroccan than the Moroccans," says Danny at the café table. "In this town, the Maimouna is an official holiday. It's more important than Independence Day. Every year, Zilker has a big Maimouna open house. The criterion for a mayor's popularity here isn't how well he cleans the streets or the beach, it's how much *kavod* — honour — he gives. He shows up at every wedding and bar-mitzva. He'll go to five weddings a night."

At the next table, an Ashkenazi business executive and his wife say they normally vote Likud, but cast their vote earlier in the day for the young Mapam candidate upon hearing that Zilker had made a last-minute deal with Aguda. According to this reported deal — which the Zilker camp denies — Aguda would drop its mayoral candidate and ask its people to vote for Zilker in return for an undisclosed *quid pro quo*. "I don't want religious coercion," says the woman. "Aguda wants to close everything on Friday nights."

THE YOUNG man in shorts watering the lawn outside the apartment house appears to be enjoying the election holiday. He arrived from Kiev 12 years ago, works in the Sunroft plant in town, and his wife is pregnant with their second child. Ashdod is a nice town, he says, but there are no leisure opportunities, except for the beach and the

cinema, and if he wants theatre he must go to Tel Aviv, which he does about once a month.

What is the significance of the Georgians forming a list? He smiles. "They want to build Tbilisi [the capital of Georgia] here. He plays the hose on a bush and adds: "I didn't like them there and I don't like them here. They're tough."

Who will he vote for? "Zilker." Why? "I know him personally. He's a nice fellow. He came to my wedding."

FOR ALL his apparent glad-handing, Zilker appears more of a technocrat than a politician. He has an engineer's eyes, fixed on some elusive calculation, rather than a politician's, searching out the faces opposite him for signs of affection. In the political maelstrom of Ashdod on this election morning, he may be forgiven his calculations.

An out-of-town reporter, accompanying him as he makes the round of his party's campaign stands by car, asks what the issues are.

"Quality of life," says Zilker. Asked whether he could be more specific, he proffers a brochure outlining his platform. "I'm hoarse. Don't be angry with me."

The first section of the six-page municipal platform is headlined "Towards peace on our borders." The first sentence promises that Zilker's municipality will continue to honour the memory of the 101 Ashdod men to have fallen in the line of duty.

The former city engineer is more forthcoming when asked about Ashdod's physical planning. There are eventually to be 16 neighbourhoods of which eight have still to be begun, for an envisaged population of 250,000. His own major contribution, he says, was to press for varied types of apartment blocks in each of the neighbourhoods, in order to achieve a population mix.

He had abandoned his Likud affiliations in this election to head an independent list with a Labour Party man — a Moroccan — as his number two and a non-affiliated man as his number three. He wanted to break the bonds of party politics, he says, and bring qualified people onto his list. His main opponent, Labour's Arye Azulai, is a high-school principal from Morocco with an Ashkenazi number two.

At one of Zilker's stops, someone he apparently knows well asks him about the Aguda. The mayor slaps him on the shoulder and tells him to come around at 2 a.m. to hear about it.

"I WARN YOU, I'm an extremist, but this is the way I see things," says Danny, a cheerful grumbler who dominates the café conversation. "The way most people here spend their spare time is watching video films. On a day like this, you'll have people staying home watching six movies. At night, you'll see people staggering through the streets with piles of video films."

"My test of a community's cultural level is how many morning newspapers are sold. I believe that

in Ashdod, with its 75,000 people, there are maybe 400 morning newspapers sold and that includes the copies of *The Jerusalem Post* bought by foreign sailors coming up from the port. There's nothing to keep the best of our young people here."

A kiosk owner, likewise an Ashkenazi, sitting at a nearby table thinks Danny's newspaper statistics may be right but not his conclusions. "Everything he says is right but there's more to Ashdod than that."

Physically, at least, there is much more. Danny chooses to point to paving stones in the sidewalk that have been missing for months, but admits that visiting relatives from abroad are struck by the attractiveness of the city and the fine view of the sea from his apartment.

Ashdod is a well-planned coastal city, drawn with an expansive hand. "If Begin were still in the picture, Likud wouldn't have split three ways this time," says Danny. "Begin used to come to Ashdod for every municipal election. The port workers have always been solidly Likud, but this time you can curse Likud and nothing will happen to you."

The stock market collapse has played a part in this changed atmosphere, he says. "The port and industries in Ashdod pay good salaries and many of the port workers had two to four million lirot invested in the market. Lirot, not shekels. In Gaza they talk in dinars and in Tel Aviv they talk in dollars. In Ashdod, they talk in lirot. Don't ask me why."

CYNICISM is not what election day in Ashdod evokes, despite all the backroom politicking, real or presumed, the political fragmentation, and the hints about where campaign contributions from building contractors are going, and why.

In a young and still uncrystallized society, it is the day when the different segments of the population sort themselves out, reinforce their own sense of identity, and see how they fit into the same social fabric with groups whose way of life and background are so different from theirs.

The dark-suited young men being briefed outside the headquarters of one of the religious parties on Rogosin Street have the same intent look as the bareheaded men outside one of the Likud splinter headquarters around the corner of the men with the peaked caps outside the Georgian headquarters across town. Their world views are different, but they are playing the same game and they are playing it with each other.

Despite his deal with Aguda, Zvi Zilker won only 34 per cent of the vote, which means a run-off with his Labour opponent, Arye Azulai, who won 39 per cent. In the last municipal election, Zilker, as Likud candidate, won 73 per cent.

Ephraim Gur, the Georgian candidate, drew a surprisingly high 11 per cent of the vote.

alongside Iraqi troops. But as close as relations may be with Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and several Arab Gulf states, none of their leaders has invited Mubarak to visit, nor have they visited Cairo.

Mohieddin strongly denied that a meeting in New York earlier this month between Mubarak and King Hassan of Morocco was a prelude to a visit by either to the other's capital.

Among leaders of three out of 22 Arab League members that did not suspend formal links with Egypt, the presidents of Sudan and Somalia have been in Cairo in the past month. Sultan Qaboos Bin Said of Oman, the third not to join in, has also visited Cairo since 1979.

But only one Arab League leader who did join the boycott, President Hassan Goude of tiny Djibouti, has visited Egypt. He came to Cairo last August.

His trip — and the visits by the Sudanese and Somali leaders — reflect traditional Egyptian interest in maintaining ties with nations in the Horn of Africa, an area whose security is a historic concern of the Egyptians and probably worries them at least as much as events across Sinai.

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## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

SHABAT	BEGINS	ENDS
Jerusalem	4:18 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Tel Aviv	4:36 p.m.	5:32 p.m.
Haifa	4:27 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Beersheba	4:34 p.m.	5:31 p.m.
Eilat	4:35 p.m.	5:34 p.m.

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JERUSALEM GREAT SYNAGOGUE, Friday, Mincha 4:45, Shabbat Mincha 4:40, Shabbat Mincha 4:45, Cantor Naphali Herzig and the Jerusalem Great Synagogue Choir, under the direction of El Jaffe.

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# Manifestations of hatred

The Jerusalem Post's David Landau tests the climate in Argentina on the eve of national elections.

THE INCREASING manifestations of anti-Semitism in Argentina are precisely that — manifestations. Anti-Semitism itself has not increased. It is, and always has been, profoundly and pervasively present in this strongly Catholic, chronically unstable country. And the Jews of Argentina must fight it.

This is the view of Jacobo Fiterman, president of the Argentine Zionist Federation, who was in Jerusalem this week for meetings of the Jewish Agency board of governors.

A successful engineer by profession, an ardent art-collector in his spare time, Fiterman was born and raised in Argentina and has a fierce love for his country.

"They don't understand us," he says of his Gentile countrymen. "They offer us the best, as they see it — to be a goy! And indeed we have a 50 per cent intermarriage rate. Many of our people alas, are accepting the offer."

Anti-Semitism, he says, is "no worse than in the past; but now it's in the open, it's on the streets." Because of the upcoming elec-

tions, says Fiterman, and the imminent demise of military rule, forces are abroad that seek to foment anti-Semitism. They are part of a broader attempt to exacerbate chaos and a breakdown of society at this crucial juncture in Argentina's history.

When Fiterman says of Argentine anti-Semitism that it is "no worse than in the past," he makes no attempt to gild the lily. Bitterly he acknowledges that discrimination against Jews — in jobs, in the civil service, and most particularly in the army — is a matter of course in his country.

The current eruption has manifested itself in a spurge of crude anti-Semitic literature, dis-

played in many downtown bookstands and kiosks in Buenos Aires. There has been a plethora of daubings, and at least one, possibly two, shootings or firebombings at Jewish institutions.

The leading magazine, *Siete Dias* (Seven Days), in a recent cover-story asked, "Is it dangerous to be a Jew in Argentina?" and concluded that it was.

The upsurge prompted the DAIA (Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas, the representative roof-body of the Jewish community) to seek a meeting with President Reynaldo Bignone. After much postponement this eventually took place at the end of August, but proved inconclusive.

LAST MONDAY, in an even rarer step, a mass demonstration against anti-Semitism was held in Buenos Aires. It was organized by Rabbi Marshall Meyer (Conservative), Argentina's most prominent and most politically active rabbi, and by the leftist Jewish newspaper *Nueva Presencia*.

Some 6,000 persons attended, according to news-agency reports. The DAIA, at a special session, decided to oppose the demonstration, and placed advertisements in the general press announcing its opposition.

Fiterman says that in principle he favours activism, including demonstrations, in the fight against anti-Semitism. But he was abroad

when the DAIA took its decision and thus he cannot comment on it.

Seeking to put the "manifestations" of anti-Semitism in a broader political context, Fiterman notes that there are forces in the country that want Argentina's return to democracy to fail. The military, having been compelled to make way for the politicians, is presumably hoping that the civilian president — whether Peronist Italo Luder or Radical Raul Alfonsin — will make an even worse job of running the country than the junta did. That, after all, is the generals' only prospect of being called back to take over again.

There are financial forces too which are not eager to see

implemented the drastic economic measures that both Alfonsin and Luder have pledged to take immediately upon assuming office.

Both presidential candidates, moreover, are committed to revoking the amnesty law that held out the prospect of pardon for the murderers and kidnappers of the "dirty war" years.

The more destabilization and social chaos that can be fomented now, Fiterman reasons, the less chance the civilian government will be elected on Sunday will have of success. The upsurge of open anti-Semitism, as he sees it, is a part of that deliberate destabilization.

In addition — perhaps paradoxically — the waning of the military

junta's authority as its end draws near has given the anti-Semites of various ilk new courage and a new sense of freedom. When the generals were firmly in the saddle, they kept a tight rein on overt anti-Semitism, if only so as not to tarnish more Argentina's far from shining international image.

The weeks following Sunday's vote will be vital, and inevitably tense, for the entire country is bid for democratic government. It will take a month, Fiterman estimates, for either presidential candidate to put together a coalition — since neither is likely to win an outright majority in the election.

Both men, he notes, have solid outspoken records against anti-Semitism. Indeed, all the 10 largest political parties sent senior representatives to a recent day-long conference on the problem of anti-Semitism held by the DAIA.

So, if the politicians can successfully reconstruct democracy in Argentina, the future will look brighter for the country as a whole — and for its 300,000-odd Jewish citizens in particular.



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## Fighting back

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH  
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Isi Leibler

require clear commitments from the Arab League that any Australian office would not engage in the anti-Israel boycott. If they violated this commitment, the offices would be closed immediately.

Hawke reaffirmed Australia's support for Israel and called on all Arab countries to recognize Israel's right to exist within secure and recognized boundaries. Australia, he added, would not recognize the PLO while it continued to deny Israel's right to exist. He also committed his government not to vote for one-sided anti-Israel resolutions in UN bodies.

Leibler told *The Post* that Hawke was a staunch supporter of the Soviet Jewry movement, and even went to Russia several years ago in support of the campaign for aliyah. Hawke's past record had brought

many "alienated Jews" back into the Labour Party fold.

THE 49-YEAR-OLD Leibler, active in the cause of Soviet Jewry since 1959 and author of *Soviet Jewry and Human Rights*, was not surprised by the harsh 12-year prison and exile verdict against Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun earlier this month. It reflects the lack of communication and detente between the superpowers, he said. But he expressed the hope that in the coming year, the U.S. and the Russians would be able to talk in a more relaxed manner.

"If the Soviet Jewry movement does not fragment and compete with itself, we may have a very important turning point ahead of us." The movement is currently in a very sad state, he added, noting that activists in the West are tired and demoralized. "We have the historic responsibility to stick together now."

A FOUNDING member of the Asia Pacific Jewish Association, Leibler is organizing the first Asian Jewish colloquium, which will meet in Singapore next year. The subject will be the perpetuation of culture, especially Jewish culture, despite its minority status in society. About 10 Israelis, including Prof. Ephraim Urbach, Ephraim Katzir, Yoram Dinstein and Shaul Friedlander, are expected to attend, along with Jewish intellectuals from Asia and non-Jewish academics.

Leibler is concerned that the 6,000 Jews in Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and nearby countries are in danger of disappearing, due to intermarriage and assimilation.

Australian Jewry, numbering nearly 100,000, is both inter-Jewish and very Zionist. The intermarriage rate is "only" 15 per cent, but it is still worrisome. About 400 Australian Jews come on aliyah each year, and the number is growing, says Leibler.

## TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

### Cryptic

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Quick puzzle.

#### ACROSS

- Housework! (5, 2, 10)
- Fighter jumping up into the air (7)
- Remained a traveller (7)
- Go over the sticks at various points in this contest! (5-4)
- Many fish for it (5)
- Separate group (7)
- Makes a great effort to produce some music? (7)
- Takes what's woven and spun off a frame! (7)
- Worked at a business making trifles (7)
- Manages to dress priests on solemn occasions (5)
- One pastel print, in a novel way, depicting horned beasts! (8)
- Said what was meant by indirect speech (7)
- Refuse to stay behind when the furnace goes out (7)
- Generally after one shuts up shop at this time (5, 7, 3)

#### DOWN

- A couple of old coppers in this place stuck to the description (7)
- Some city Roland found in the Alps (5)
- If lady ran off with elves, look for her here! (8)
- Attack that comes out of the blue, as it were? (3-4)
- Leaves enveloped! (7)
- Farming areas (5)
- View from the top of Fleet Street! (9)
- Old Ted's out for walks, just like a child (7)
- Smooths down this sheet (4-5)
- Want the Government to stop people raising it (9)
- In various cases, you can so describe a noun (7)
- It's a disgrace, shocking the public! (7)
- Secret way one finds it out (7)
- Does try to rebuild this ruin (7)
- Superficially bright, could one say? (5)
- Got stuck in, trying to make a better blazer! (8)

### 'Quickie'

#### ACROSS

- Famous book (5, 3, 2, 1, 4)
- What's left over (7)
- One fourth part (7)
- In another place (9)
- Acted as secret agent (5)
- Small, medicinal objects (7)
- Vegetables (7)
- Yelled (7)
- To rear (5, 2)
- Run away to marry (5)
- Not a pressed man (8)
- Part of a gun (7)
- Without affection (7)
- Drastic steps (7, 8)

#### DOWN

- Agony (7)
- Decays, like wet iron (5)
- Type of insurance policy (9)
- Sporting teams (7)
- Held by a coroner (7)
- M Eastern people (5)
- Getting (9)
- Furious bursts of speech (7)
- He studies like (9)
- Sets fire to again (2-7)
- Phantom (7)

- Of many various kinds (7)
- Equilibrium (7)
- Frees from prison on licence (7)
- Bird (5)
- Mistake (5)

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## Hopes of rally prove groundless

**TEL AVIV.** — Observers conceded yesterday that their hopes of a share market rally had to be written off as wishful thinking. The General Share Index, commercial bank shares excluded, fell 1.83 per cent.

Trading turnover picked up to nearly IS4.1 billion. In analyzing the turnover figures it became evident that IS3.83b., or some 93 per cent of the total turnover, had been concentrated in the shares of commercial banks or bankholding companies. The figures were a clear indication of an increase in the sum total of bank shares being sold to the Treasury. The Treasury, nevertheless, maintained its intervention for the third consecutive session.

Investment company equities led the way downward with a sectorial loss of 3.58 per cent. Land development, real estate and citrus plantation shares were down by 2.9 per cent.

There were 33 issues marked sellers only, and these were automatically marked down by the mandatory 5 per cent, without any trading taking place. Only six wound up on the buyers only list.

While 82 other securities fell by margins of more than 5 per cent, 47 securities were ahead by margins of

### Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

more than 5 per cent. Index-linked bonds maintained their steady upward march with gains of up to three per cent visible in the various areas of bond trading. Trading turnovers exceeded IS917 million.

Bankers said the shekels which investors had received from the sale of their bank shares, had not been reinvested. They continued to mark in short-term shekel deposit accounts. Cash dollar purchases were minimal.

However, one observer pointed out that should any major negative economic news be announced, a new wave of dollar purchasing could easily be triggered.

In the commercial bank group, the shares of FIBI, Danot and the First International Bank of Israel were not traded yesterday.

The exchange management expressed its dissatisfaction with First International for filing its nine months report late on Wednesday

afternoon. Normally, on the day an announcement of meaningful financial and investor importance is made, trading in the shares of the company or related companies is halted. The lateness of the First International report resulted in the trading stoppage, but only a day later.

Mortgage bank issues were down on the day. The Independence Bank options, the biggest losers in the group, tumbled by no less than 29 per cent.

For the second consecutive session insurance issues were fractionally lower.

Land development, real estate and citrus plantation issues were considerably lower. Options in this group of trading were sharply lower as Pri-Or tumbled by 35.7 per cent and the Levinstein option was clipped for a loss of nearly 20 per cent.

Industrials actually turned in a positive session as, on a group basis, they advanced by 0.06 per cent. A number of second line shares came through with gains in excess of 10 per cent.

Investment company issues were less fortunate, as prices receded on a broad front. The shares of the Israel Corporation and Clal Israel 10 were down 10.1 per cent.

Company	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Commercial Banks				
Bank Leumi	148.00	1,481	+0.30	+0.2
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Land, Building, Citrus				
Land Development	172.00	99	-1.2	-0.7
Building	172.00	99	-1.2	-0.7
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Company	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Investment & Holding				
Investment	111.00	11	-1.2	-1.1
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Company	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Other Stocks				
Other	198.00	19	-1.2	-0.6
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## Israeli fuel-saving device ready for local trial run

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**HAIFA.** — A pilot model of the innovative flywheel-transmission fuel-saving system for motor vehicles, developed by engineers of the Industries Development Corporation, is now being completed for trial in an Israeli bus.

Heads of the corporation told a press conference yesterday that the system is being built following a successful trial in a General Motors van by the U.S. company in Israel and America, which resulted in a 46 per cent saving of fuel. GM, which participated in the investment of several million dollars in the trial, has received rights to use the system.

Corporation heads Michael Rosner and Yitzhak Hoffman announced that a group of 60 American investors, headed by Elmer Winter and Yisrael Rosen, had put up \$2.7 million for the

research and development of the project, and the Ministry of Industry and Trade is investing a matching sum.

Tests on the bus are to be completed within a year and the Ta's Military Industry is to build eight prototypes for further testing in 1985. A year later the corporation expects to be ready to start production of the system for sale in Israel and abroad. The agreement with Ta's, which has the necessary production potential, was signed this week.

HDC engineer Danny Lockner, who heads the five-year-old project, stressed that it was not a new invention, but "the intelligent application of a well-known principle" of exploiting the kinetic energy generated in starting and braking automobiles through a transmission and flywheel system to save fuel.

The system would also enable buses to start noiselessly and without the usual emission.

## Hotelier fumes at Sharir's criticism

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — The tourism minister's attacks on hotel prices and treatment of tourists will damage the country's tourism image, Hotel Association director Moshe Amir said yesterday.

Commenting on Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir's criticism, as reported by *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, Amir said Sharir's statement showed his unprofessional handling of the tourist trade.

In a letter sent yesterday to Sharir, Amir said hoteliers are just as concerned as the Tourism Ministry about the difficulties of giving good service. There is a shortage of trained staff and a lack of basic politeness and "service culture" in Israel, he said. The hotel prices are a result of the economic situation, and the hotel trade is struggling, like all exporters, with the high costs following the devaluation, he said.

Company	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Mortgage Banks				
Bank Leumi	125.00	14	-2.5	-2.0
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**Medication data centre opens at Haifa Hospital**

**HAIFA.** — A pharmaceutical information centre, which will provide hospitals and clinics throughout the north with the latest data on medication for patients, was opened yesterday at the Histadrut Kupat Holim's Carmel Hospital.

The special department will collect details about all pharmaceuticals on the market, including information about their side effects and inter-reactions. The information will be stored on microfilm and will be made readily available to doctors, the Kupat Holim spokeswoman said.

In addition, the department is equipped with modern instruments which enable staff to accurately measure the amount of drugs in a patient's blood. The department, which has a team of chemists and nurses led by Dr. Ruth Kitzes, director of the clinical pharmacology unit at the Carmel Hospital, will issue regular bulletins about medicines, their side effects, dosages, and cost effectiveness.

The spokeswoman said the department would act as a pharmaceutical information centre for all hospitals and clinics from Hadera to Kiryat Shmona.

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4. New Jersey citizens claiming voting rights solely under the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act are not permitted to vote in this non-federal election.

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Discount rate	8	8
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CD's 30-59 days	8.60	8.50
CD's 60-89 days	8.75	8.75
Treasury bills 3 months	8.66	8.66
Treasury bills 6 months	8.91	8.91

**Britain**

Bank base rate	9	9
Call money	9 1/2	9 1/2
91 day Treasury	8 7/8	8 7/8
3 month interbank	9 1/2	9 1/2
AP, Lloyds Bank	9 1/2	9 1/2

**Bank of Israel exchange rates**

October 27, 1983

U.S. dollar	82.6601	Canadian dollar	67.0752
German sterling	123.6595	Australian dollar	75.8448
British mark	31.5280	South African rand	72.7698
French franc	10.3438	Belgian franc (10)	15.4867
Dutch guilder	28.0775	Austrian schilling (10)	44.8277
Swiss franc	38.9227	Italian lire (100)	5.1818
Swedish krona	10.5859	Japanese yen (100)	35.9993
Norwegian krone	11.2097	Jordanian dinar	223.18
Danish krone	8.7312	Lebanese lira	15.90
Finnish mark	14.5991	Egyptian-pound	74.6007

**New York Stock Exchange**

**NEW YORK.** — The stock market closed mixed in quiet trading yesterday. The Dow Jones Industrial Index recovered most of its early loss to close down less than 2 points at 1242. Attention rose 1 1/2 to 6 1/2, thereby reversing several days of

decline. On the broader market, declines led advances 3 to 2 on volume of 78.70 million shares.

Commentary courtesy Shearman & Sterling House Ltd. Tel. 02-291888, 296873 Tel. 02-243722, 243724

**FOREIGN CURRENCY**

Yesterday's foreign exchange rates against the Israeli Shekel, for U.S. dollar transactions under \$2,000 and transactions of other currencies under the equivalent of \$500.

Currency	Selling	Buying
US\$	22.4741	22.4657
DM	124.3204	123.0821
French FR	31.6714	31.3559
Dutch G	10.3953	10.2917
Swiss FR	28.2811	27.9370
Norwegian KR	38.1121	38.7255
Danish KR	11.2535	11.1513
Finland KR	8.7737	8.6963
Sweden KR	14.5839	14.5375
Australia S	67.4117	66.7387
Japan Y	75.2329	75.4736
Belgium C10	73.1924	72.4834
Belgium P10	15.5803	15.4251
Austria S10	15.3908	15.2453
Yen 100	45.1122	44.6528
Italian Lira (1000)	35.6854	35.3141
Spanish Ptas (1000)	52.1004	51.5814

**INTERBANK SPOT RATES:**

Currency	1 month	3 months	6 months
US\$	1.4960/70	1.4960/70	1.4960/70
DM	2.6212/23	2.6212/23	2.6212/23
French FR	2.1252/53	2.1252/53	2.1252/53
Italian Lira	1594.00/50	1594.00/50	1594.00/50
Dutch G	2.9410/25	2.9410/25	2.9410/25
Yen	232.70/85	232.70/85	232.70/85
Danish KR	9.4650/15	9.4650/15	9.4650/15
Swedish KR	7.8000/00	7.8000/00	7.8000/00
Norwegian KR	7.3740/70	7.3740/70	7.3740/70

**FORWARD RATES:**

Currency	1 month	3 months	6 months
US\$	1.4960/70	1.4960/70	1.4960/70
DM	2.6212/23	2.6212/23	2.6212/23
French FR	2.1252/53	2.1252/53	2.1252/53
Italian Lira	1594.00/50	1594.00/50	1594.00/50
Dutch G	2.9410/25	2.9410/25	2.9410/25
Yen	232.70/85	232.70/85	232.70/85
Danish KR	9.4650/15	9.4650/15	9.4650/15
Swedish KR	7.8000/00	7.8000/00	7.8000/00
Norwegian KR	7.3740/70	7.3740/70	7.3740/70

**Most active stocks**

Company	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Leumi	1629	907,900m.	n.c.	n.c.
Hapoalim R	2564	1,289,568m.	n.c.	n.c.
Leumi	1629	907,900m.	n.c.	n.c.
IDB	3774	158,974m.	n.c.	n.c.
Shoham Traded	154,064.8m.	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
Convertible	1534.9m.	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
Bond	15917.6m.	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.

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Shoham Traded	154,064.8m.	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
Convertible	1534.9			



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## Standing firm

THERE NOW appears to be general agreement in informed quarters that the perpetrators of last Sunday's bombings of the headquarters of the U.S. and French units in the multinational force in Beirut were members of a dissident Shi'ite Amal organization acting under Syrian instructions.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has put his finger on the Syrians directly. U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who had earlier charged the Iranians with complicity — the breakaway Amal group is indeed oriented towards Iran — suggested on Wednesday that Syria was at least partly responsible for the bombings. He found it "very hard to believe that anything of the kind could have taken place without at least Syrian consent."

What operational conclusions, if any, the foreign ministers of the four western states with contingents in the multinational force drew from Syrian complicity at their meeting in Paris yesterday, is for the moment unknown. There is apparently some lingering difference of opinion among the four. Thus France, unlike the U.S., would still approve of western troops firing only if fired upon.

There is little chance, therefore, that the multinational force, as such, would engage in punitive action against the Syrians. In any case, even President Reagan, in vowing to take revenge on the guilty parties for the Beirut outrage, is reported to have ruled out a significantly more active American role in Lebanon. He is said to be of the opinion that this would bring the U.S. into direct conflict with the Arab states, and might even bring on a world war.

Washington is plainly more interested in talking to the Syrians, even now, than in fighting them.

Yet all four participants in the multinational force appear united in their resolve to stand their ground. Submission to terror is not in the cards. The effect of any premature withdrawal of the western troops would have been disastrous, going far beyond Lebanon.

That is what Mr. Reagan clearly had in mind when, right after the dreadful news from Beirut reached him, he pledged that "those who would assume power, if they could have their way, and drive us out of the area," would not succeed. He added: "We must be more determined than ever that they cannot take over that vital and strategic area and for that matter any other part of the earth."

The U.S. president was obviously referring not only to the Syrians, whose ambitions are directed mainly at Israel and Lebanon, but also to the Syrians' Soviet protectors, who would cast their net, if they had their way, over the entire Middle East.

Taken literally, this would suggest a highly unrealistic estimate of the military capabilities of the forces fielded by the U.S. and its three European allies. The 1,600 marines now in Beirut might be equal to the task of securing Grenada against Soviet subversion, but they could hardly begin to make Lebanon, let alone the Middle East, safe for democracy.

Yet it is realistic to observe that the multinational force, even as it is, is a thorn in Syrian, as well as Soviet, flesh. This is because the force, originally assigned the task of facilitating Israel's departure from Lebanon, now symbolizes western determination to prevent the regime of President Amin Jemayel from falling prey to the Syrian predators and their local allies.

If the national reconciliation talks scheduled to begin in Geneva next week salvage even a semblance of order and unity from the present wreckage of Lebanon, it could be, at least in some measure, due to the fact that the multinational force has acted as a counterweight to the meddlesome Syrians.

**Correction** — Yesterday's headline on the lead editorial should have read: "U.S. protects its backyard," and not as printed.

## Mixed feelings in Washington

By WOLF BLITZER

cold war.

"The struggle for peace is indivisible," Reagan said on Monday in a statement reaffirming the need for the U.S. military presence in Lebanon. "We cannot pick and choose where we will support freedom. We can only determine how. If it's lost in one place, all of us lose."

Reagan warned of a Soviet takeover of the region: "It would be a disaster if a force took over the Middle East," he said, without referring to the Soviets by name. "And a force is ready to do that, as witness what has taken place in Yemen, in Ethiopia." He also referred to the thousands of Soviet troops in Syria.

Those remarks were made some 18 hours before the invasion of Grenada. But the green light for the operation had been given at the weekend, before the terrorist bombing of marine headquarters in Beirut. Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz were reported to have privately discussed the Grenada operation while playing golf in Georgia last Saturday, a day before the Beirut blast.

Israeli officials in Washington were impressed that the president had decided to move ahead with the Grenada invasion, despite the shock of Beirut. The lesson of a determined U.S. resolve to resist Soviet and Cuban-sponsored agitation was welcomed by these Israeli diplomats.

At the same time, however, they were perplexed and disappointed by the same administration's refusal to enlist active Israeli support in the immediate aftermath of the Beirut tragedy. Defence Minister Moshe Arens had telephoned Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger with offers of medical, logistical and engineering assistance. The Americans, in effect, replied: "Thanks, but no thanks."

WHY WERE Weinberger and other U.S. officials afraid of accepting these Israeli offers? The basic answer is that they feared it would upset U.S. friends in the Arab world, especially Saudi Arabia.

This has always been the U.S. dilemma in formulating a proper balance between support for Israel and a parallel effort to win friends in the Arab world. The conventional wisdom is that any overly close alliance with Israel would undermine U.S. influence in the Arab countries.

Thus, the Pentagon, in its contingency planning, had not even considered proposals that it use Israeli military or medical facilities during an emergency in Lebanon, where some 1,600 Marines are deployed as part of the Multinational Peace-keeping Force. Politically, U.S. planners simply assumed, that would prove too risky.

In its rhetoric, the administration is at least as anti-Soviet as was the Eisenhower administration in the 1950s at the height of the Cold War. Although Israel has been closely aligned with the U.S. and the West throughout almost all of these years, the fear of angering the Arabs has clearly limited the degree of overt U.S. military/strategic cooperation with Israel.

In the 1950s, the anti-Soviet attitudes of then-secretary of state John Foster Dulles certainly did not automatically translate themselves into pro-Israeli policies. Indeed, the historic fact points to just the opposite: witness the Dulles-conceived effort to bring the Ben-Gurion government to its knees in the aftermath of the 1956 Sinai Campaign which Israel planned in coordination with France and Britain, two of America's closest allies.

Even that did not persuade Dulles to reduce his pressure on Israel to withdraw. He was simply

overwhelmed by the fear of the negative Arab reaction, especially the possibility that the Soviet Union would exploit the situation and gain greater influence in the Arab world.

BUT THE situation is by no means exactly the same today. The Israel of the 1980s is not the Israel of the 1950s. Israel today has the most powerful military force in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East, and officials in Washington are very well aware of this, even if they don't always want to advertise it highly in the Arab world.

That helps to explain why there was virtually no serious opposition from within the Eisenhower administration to the Dulles pressure campaign against Israel in 1956-57 yet there is a serious split within the Reagan administration today over the use of Israel as a military asset.

Weinberger may fear enlisting active and public Israeli support, but others of influence are not, including National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, Under-Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger and, perhaps, even Secretary of State George Shultz himself.

They are much closer in their attitude to former secretary of state Henry Kissinger who, in the hours following the massacre, bluntly called on the U.S. to use Israeli military power to strengthen the balance of forces in the region in America's favour at the expense of Syria and the Soviet Union.

"I must point out it is an amazing phenomenon that the Israeli Army is sitting 2 kilometers from where Americans are being killed and that there seems to be no coordination between our policies at all," he said.

KISSINGER, it should be recalled, was not reluctant to enlist active Israeli support in 1970 when Jordan was threatened by Syria and the

PLO. At that time, the U.S. was bogged down in Vietnam, and it was impossible to bring American military muscle to the assistance of King Hussein.

Thus, Israel was asked to mass troops to deter a Syrian invasion. Israel agreed to the U.S. request, and Hussein, in large measure, is still in business today as a result.

When confronted with real danger, he was not embarrassed to accept this Israeli aid. In appreciation, he later opened direct face-to-face contact with Israel, albeit in secret.

The Reagan administration very much wants Israeli military support in Lebanon and elsewhere but on its terms, meaning very quietly without much fanfare. The Americans want to be able to distance themselves from Israel, if necessary.

But Israel, understandably, wants to be treated like a fully-fledged ally, out in the open with nothing to hide. That would go a long way towards underlining Israel's importance to the U.S. and help to justify the extensive amounts of U.S. economic and military assistance to Israel. It would be nice for Israel's own sense of national pride as well.

Meanwhile, there does not appear to have been any serious backlash against Israel because of the 200-plus "marine deaths." Yes, some of the "usual suspects" have lined up to blame Israel for getting the U.S. involved in Lebanon in the first place. But the U.S. public — as reflected in the administration, the congress and the media — has not seen Israel as the culprit. Rather, the Syrians, Iranians, Soviets and Lebanese Shi'ites are largely being blamed.

Arab propagandists are trying to generate criticism of Israel — as they did in 1973-74 during the Arab oil embargo and the gasoline lines. But like then, they are not meeting with much success.

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## READERS' LETTERS

## THE ARCHEOLOGY LAW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — When reporting the opposition to the newly proposed archeology law (October 18), you state that Hebrew University Chancellor, Avraham Harman, said that the government was about to give in to the anti-Zionist group.

Nobody holds Mr. Harman in more esteem than I do, for his personality and for all he did for the Jewish nation and the Hebrew University. However, I sharply disagree with him on this issue.

It should be the natural right of a human being to rest undisturbed in his grave. Indeed, we protest often about the desecration of Jewish graves by Nazi followers in Germany.

The people who decide if bones found by archeologists are human bones should be experts — but not archeologists. They lost their standing as objective scientists when they dug out bones of the Masada warriors and exhibited them. Do you want your bones to be treated like that?

Some time ago, it was proposed, in the Senate of the Hebrew University, that Jewish girls who did not do any national service should not be admitted as students to the Hebrew University. Curiously enough, this proposal was squashed by many of the professors who now fight against the archeology law by referring to the anti-Zionist Jews who demanded it.

Let there should be a mistake as to where I stand, I was a member of the Hagana from the age of 17, served four years in the British Army during World War II and was a member of the IDF for many years.

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## JEWISH BIBLIOGRAPHERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In the *Encyclopaedia Judaica* Supplement Volume, the article "Bibliography" concludes with the following sentence: "Shunami decries the shortage of Jewish bibliographies."

This statement is exactly the opposite of what was written in the article itself. The sentence should read: Shunami decries the shortage of Jewish bibliographies.

SHLOMO SHUNAMI  
Jerusalem.

## BRINGING DISREPUTE ON THE TRULY RELIGIOUS

desecrated the graves of eminent archeologists — not to mention the desecration of the name of God that goes with it and all their nefarious activities. What about the Ramot road rampage involving blatant Sabbath desecration? What about the creeping annexation of whole neighbourhoods; in which the observant and non-observant had always lived peacefully side by side, and the latter are now being harassed so that they should move?

All this is really the background to the outrage against Kollek — in which some *ba'alei t'shuv*, of whom Rabbi Carmel speaks so highly, were actively involved.

This fatuous agitation, inevitably leading to violence, discredits even legitimate efforts to protect religious interests. There is no use protesting that the perpetrators belong to the "lunatic fringe" of such splinter groups as the *Eda Haredit* or *Neturei Karta* — these enjoy, unfortunately, much wider moral and political support (which will not help supporters when one day they will fall foul of the extremists).

In fact, it is not fair to blame those "mindless and ignorant" hooligans without pointing an ac-

cusing finger at their leaders and mentors who repudiate, *urbi et orbi*, Zionism in general and the legitimacy of its achievement, the State of Israel, in particular. We well remember the things said and done at the Aguda convention last year. We still have to hear a word of protest and condemnation against the outrages listed above from prominent *rashai yeshiva* and hasidic leaders. Their silence makes them accessories to these foolish and criminal acts. In the eyes of the public, they involve Rabbi Carmel

and me. They implicate the vast majority of believing, observant and law-abiding citizens who abhor fanaticism and intolerance and the resulting violence. Rabbi Carmel is aware, no less than I am, of Rabbi Jochanan's condemnation of those who make the name of God and His Torah hated and despised (Shabbat 114a). How can we ask people to "return" if so-called *haredim* bring all that is holy to us into disrepute?

RABBI ALEXANDER CARLBACH  
Jerusalem.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**TWO MINERS** in Brazil claim to have found a record 1.5 metric ton gold nugget in the Amazon jungle mine of Serra Pelada.

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